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Runcie, Royalty and Religion

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SIGGRAPHY OF ROBERT RUNCIE, IN WEEKEND



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Archbishop disowns biography

Runcie feared betrayal by gay clergy

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

LORD RUNCIE feared the influence of homosexuals in the Church of England and was concerned that they might stab him in the back, according to a controversial biography of the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

The book portrays Lord Runcie as permanently wary of gay clergy and discloses his belief that "with treatment" homosexuals could marry and have children. "I've enjoyed their friendship, but I've always been conscious that they might stab me in the back because I wasn't one of them."

The book, with its revelations about the Archbishop's sexuality, opinions and private thoughts, is serialised in The Times from today. Other controversial subjects include Lord Runcie's relationships with the Queen. Baroness Thatcher and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Lord Runcie invited the author, Humphrey Carpenter, to be his biographer shortly before he retired in 1991 and gave him hours of tape-recorded interview. But he was so alarmed by the end result that he withdrew his support and wrote a posteript saying: "I have done my best to die before this book is published."

In an interview with Valerie Grove, Mr Carpenter said that when Lord Runcie saw the first draft he tried to suppress the book. "But there was no dishonesty on my part. He always knew the tape was

Lord Runcie, who recently admitted that he had knowingly ordained a practising homosexual, told Mr Carpenter that a large percentage of clergy were homosexual and, in many cases, practising.

He generally took the line that heterosexual relationships were the norm for Christian behaviour. But in a section of the book that will enrage gay rights campaigners, he went on to say that some "quite outstanding" der-

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biographer of Robert Runcie

gy had been homosexual when training for ordination.
"And yet, with treatment, and with the right sort of girl determined to marry them. they're happily married and have children." he said.

Lord Runcie also addressed speculation on his own sexuality, agreeing that his Spitting Image puppet was immensely effertunate, and conceding that certain interpretations were put upon his private life. As an ordinand he was "clubbable", enjoyed male company and believed he would be content not to marry, but he

insisted that he was not a homosexual and preferred female company, although it was only when he got married that he realised "how enjoy-

The former Archbishop was also surprisingly frank about his friendship with the late Gareth Bennett, of New College, Oxford, who committed suicide after writing a strongly critical preface to Crockford's Clerical Directory. Mr Carpenter paints a picture of an Archbishop tantalising a frustrated cleric with hints of promotion that came to nothing, while benefiting from his talent as a speechwriter.

Mr Carpenter, who was granted access to Dr Bennett's diaries and correspondence, says that he considered the Archbishop a supporter and continually hoped that he would put him up for advancement in the Church. But Lord Runcie thought Dr Bennett "a menace on the telephone

he would never get off it". After Dr Bennett's suicide, a General Synod committee meeting put out a statement expressing grief, but the Arch-bishop was a bit hurt' because it included no specific expression of loyalty to him. He said: I thought, I've devoted hours to these piddling meetings, and they're not prepared to put up some little statement of support."

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a deterrent to help to protect

Gerrard Molloy was also sentenced to two six-year

terms for aiding and abetting

others to rape the student, and

four years for three indecent

assaults. The sentences are to

The case has prompted re-newed calls for action to

overhaul court proceedings in

rape trials in which victims

are forced to relive their

ordeal. Victim Support urged

the Bar Council to "consider

whether better practices

should be introduced to en-

sure that victims in rape cases

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A computer-enhanced picture of a game at Lord's watched over by late 20th century technology in the sausage-shape of an elevated press box

The gherkin has landed at Lord's

By ROBIN YOUNG

THERE is life on Mars, and by the look of it Martians will

soon be playing at Lord's. NatWest yesterday took the wraps off a £2.6 million stateof the art media centre it is going to provide for the home of cricket. To most people the impressions of the futuristic building looked like something straight out of Close

There were other interpre-tations. "A hi-tech gherkin."

Saddam's troops

digging in

Iraqi troops have not moved

far from the city of Arbil following America's raids

Today Andrew Finkel re-

ports how he witnessed an

entire Iraqi battalion dig-

ging in around Koshtapa, teo miles south of Arbil. President Saddam's latest

strategy became apparent as Britain abandoned its effort

to get the Security Council to

criticise traq, after deter-rained opposition from

School selection

A London borough is to be-

come the first education authority to introduce selec-

tion in all schools since Lab-

our brought in neighbour-

hood comprehensives. Bro-mley, where Harriet Har-

man, the Shadow Social Sec-

urity Secretary, has sent her son, will consider a request

from the last secondary school in their control to sel-

ect 15 per cent Page 5

Clinton lead

President Clinton remains

up to 17 points ahead of his

Republican challenger Bob

Dole according to three new opinion polls, in spite of a

new sex scandal surround-

ing his disgraced former

political adviser Dick Morris Page IS

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suggested one MCC type. "A hamburger without the beef," tried another. "Looks like a powder compact. It won't suit

cricketing men."

Uotil now there have been no purpose-designed media facilities at Lord's, cricketing correspondents and broadcasters finding niches in various parts of the Pavilion

and the Warner stand, The sausage-shaped build-

ing, compared by yet another critic to "Al Jolson's lips", has been designed by the awardwinning architects Future

It is defined as "a semimonocoque", and suggestions that it resembles "a beached submarine" or "a stranded dirigible" prove not too wide of the mark

The media centre will be built in a boatyard, using the latest in boat-building Once in place behind the bowier's arm and safely

berthed between the Compton and Edrich stands at the Nursery End, the good ship Media Centre will accommodate 250 journalists and photographers, and will house a restaurant which can double as a lecture theatre for 120. The towers to support the

building are to be built this winter, installation will be in December next year or January 1998, and the fully-fitted article should be complete by April 1998, a year in advance of the World Cup malches in England in 1999.

The planning application was submitted to Westminster City Council only yesterday, so there is plenty of time to bowl a few googlies by way of objections.

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Pressure grows on Yeltsin to step down for heart operation

PROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN last night came under growing pressure to step down and appoint a replacement to run Russia, while he undergoes heart surgery.

In an unprecedented move

by members of Mr Yeltsin's administration and opposition politicians, his frank admission about his serious heart ailment drew calls that he appoint Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, as interim head of state. Predictably, the most vocal figure was General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's National Security Adviser, who gave a warning that the country could be endangered by a power vacuum in the Kremlin unless measures were taken now to end speculation.

"In the next days, Boris Yeltsin absolutely must immediately designate who will replace him," said the blunt talking Afghan war veteran, who has just returned from his latest peace mission to the Caucasus. "Anything can hap-pen in a few hours."

According to Russian doc-tors, the Kremlin leader will undergo a mulóple bypass surgery later this month in Moscow. Although he is planning to hold talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, today outside the city, he has no other official engagements and is likely to be off work for several weeks. Russia's constitution provides for the President to be replaced by the Printe Minister if the head of state is physical-

ly untit to hold office. Although General Lebed en-dorsed Mr Chernomyrdin as the only feasible interim leader, he went on to attack the Prime Minister for "getting into a muddle" in his criticism of peace efforts to end the conflict in Chechenia. He added menacingly: "I am a fighting man, and the Prime Minister would do well to realise that." In addition to General Lebed, several other promi-nent politicians added their

voices to the call for a leader to replace Mr Yeltsin, who has barely been seen in public for more than two months. Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and main opposition figure, insisted that the Prime Minister take over to avoid the danger of Kremlin aides seizing control of power.
"We should do all we can so

that the law triumphs in this situation, and not the 'viziers' who neight use the President's self-serving ends," said Mr Lyuganov, who came second in July's presidencial race.

illness, as ever, for their own

Another Communist, Gennady Seleznyov, the Speaker of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, gave a warning that unless the Mr Yeltsin transferred authority to Mr Chernomyrdin before his operation, the assembly would take the maiter to the Constitutional Court. In spite of the calls for him to assume power, Mr Chernomyrdin, a reliable but uninspiring figure, stayed silent with his aides insisting that it was far too early to begin talk

of a leadership change.

An important factor in the Kremlin jockeying for posicion will be the role of Anatoli Chubais, the head of the presidential administration, a powerful institution, which may resist attempts at appointing an interim leader who could curtail its considerable powers.

The unspoken truth was that Russia must now confront the issue of who will lead the country as the Yeltsin era comes to a close.

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Lebed: gave warning of dangerous power vacuum

Judge names juvenile rapist

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

deteriorated after she endured

31 hours in the witness box

over 12 days, believed to be the

longest period a rape victim

has ever spent giving evi-dence. "This added insult to injury and heaped further

indignity and humiliation on

He added that he hoped the

publication of the names of

Molloy and fellow gang mem-ber Tony Baksh, 15, who was

her," the judge said.

described as "a danger to the A JUDGE took the unusual step yesterday of naming a 16public", to ten years in prison. The judge said that five year-old who orchestrated the vicious gang rape of a Japarapists, aged 15 to 23, had subjected the student to a horrific ordeal which they had nese student, aged 20, on her first visit to London. Judge deliberately aggravated by in-structing their lawyers to make "outrageous sugges-Graham Boal sentenced Gerrard Molloy, whom he nons" during cross-examina-non. The victim's condition

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Businessman insists money was an expression of personal support for Tony Blair's leadership

Chelsea chief denies seeking favour with £1m donation

By Arthur Leathley, James Landale and Russell Jenkins

MATTHEW HARDING, the businessman who is donating El mil-lion to the Labour Party, denied vesterday that he was seeking tax breaks for his company or trying to curry political favour.

Mr Harding, 42, who owns the insurance group Benfield and is vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, said that the gift was a heartfelt expression of his support for the leadership of Tony Blair. whom he described as the man to take Britain into the millennium. Flanked by watchful Labour Party officials on the steps of his marble and stone offices in the City of London, he said: "What new Labour under Tony Blair's leadership is trying to do with the country is the right thing at the right time. In the United States you can be fabulously wealthy and a Democrat and nobody bats an eyelid."

The donarion, which has embarrassed the Conservative Party, has reignited the dispute over the funding of political parties. Labour said that the disclosure underlined the party's openness in divulging the identities of its financial backers and challenged the Tories to list their donors. Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, remained adamant that the Conservatives would not divulge names.

Mr Harding's support is by far the biggest personal donation to the Labour Party, although seniur figures were coy about the period over which the money was being paid. However, they were privately furious that the revelation had come weeks before they had planned to announce it at the annual conference in Blackpool.

Mr Harding answered media questiuns yesterday under the gaze uf the party's press officers. Asked whether he was seeking tax breaks. he replied: "No, it has nothing to do with the Benfield Group. It is a personal donarion from me to the Labour Party under Tony Blair's leadership. The fact t work at Benfield has nothing to do with it." He joked that he would be disap-pointed if John Major stopped going to see the sea play as a result

"I think that, as we come towards the millennium, it is a good opportunity for the whole country to review exactly how society and the economy is governed," he said.
"I think Tony Blair, with all he is setting out to do with new Labour, is very much the right thing at the right time."

The extra financial backing comes at a crucial stage for Labour. which has always struggled to match the Conservatives in the amount it spends on advertising in the run-up to general elections. Labour officials said that Mr Harding's money was already being spent on its current £1 million poster campaign, the latest stage of which will be unveiled by Tony Blair today.

Dr Mawhinney defended the Tories' practice of not naming their benefactors. "It is up to the donors to decide if they want publicity. It is a matter for Mr Harding how he spends his money and who he tells about it. The truth is, only millionaires could afford a Labour government."

Labour this week disclosed the names of 17 donors who gave the party more than £5,000 each during 1995. Each of the donations. however, was under £30,000, prompting Tory claims that Labour was still failing to divulge details of its biggest source of funding, from the trade unions. Labour receives about £2.5 million a year from the unions but does not

disclose specific details. Tory leaders claim that, far from being open about its funding. Labour covers up much of its union support, notably the money paid to individual MPs through their



Matthew Harding with John and Norma Major at Downing Street in May. He is vice-chairman of Chelsea, Mr Major's team

Clubbable tycoon who likes to hunt with the Tories and run about with Labour

ON CHELSEA match days Matthew Harding, the Labour Party's new El million beoefactor, can be found in a west Loodoo puh. He will be sporting a clip-oo earring and a Chelsea shirt and enjoying a pint with friends who used to stand oo Stamford Bridge's ootorious terrace, The Shed.

An honr or so before the game the 42-yearold insuraoce tycooo changes into a suit, slips the earring ioto his pocket and heads for the directors' box, where he rohs shoolders with David Mellor, a former Tory Cabinet minster, and, on occasion, the Prime Minster.

Mr Harding is a man who likes to hunt with the houods and ruo with the hare. He is affahle and clubbable, ooe of the lads who happens to be a tongh businessman who was paid £3.3 million in salary and £2.4 million in divideods by his insurance group, Benfield, last year. During the week he lives with his 25year-old girlfriend, Vicky Jaramillo, and their haby Ella in their home in Richmond upon Thames, At weekends he returns to his palatial

house in Ditchliog, East Sussex, with its deer park and full-size football field, where his wife and foor teenage children live.

Mr Harding's investment in Chelsea appeared to be ao act of love. But it is also reaping dividends. He paid £16 million for the freehold of the ground and the 25 per cent stake he bought in the club after its flotation earlier this year has already delivered an Ell million profit. Should his less than cordial relationship with Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, blow op again, Mr Harding could sell out and still end up smelling of roses.

His solid middle-class background, public school education and a career taking him from teaboy to chairman would typically make him a Conservative. But Mr Harding has oever voted Tory and enjoys flaunting his socialist beliefs in froot of the true blues in the Chelsea box. He is as much at ease on the terraces as he is at Lloyd's of Loodon, where be met the

former Lloyd's chief executive Peter Middle-ton, whom be invited oo to the Chelsea board. Mr Harding's insurance clerk father introduced him to Ted Benfield in a City pub 23 years ago and he was hired as the most junior employee in Mr Benfield's new insurance hroker business, making the tea and opening the post. Within nine years he was so vital to the business that he could demand a seat on the board. Six years later he booght Mr Benfield out, borrowing £160,000 to huy a 32 per cent stake that is now worth £120 million.

Benfield, which occupies the former offices of Hambros Bank, carved out a niche in disaster insurance. It also hecame known as a good place to work. The staff are young and well paid — the average salary last year was £166,000 - and Mr Harding ruos the place with enthusiasm and a sense of humour. Thiatcomes across in his chairmao's statements. Last year's cootained a football reference, saying that in re-insurance "everybody is talking a great game — hut are they playing one?" The previous year he quoted Holden Caulfield from J.D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye saying: "... I'm pretty sure he yelled 'Good luckd' at me ... I hope to hell oot. I'd never yell 'Good lockd' at anybody". Certainly oot at his fellow Chelsea fan. John Major.

Blair needs union cash, at least for time being

LABOUR has always received some money from a few wealthy industrialists and most, like Matthew Harding, have been self-made entrepreneurs outside the business establishment.

For a businessman to come out in public support of Labour has been regarded as unconventional, even perhaps taking a risk with one's career. But throughout Labour's history there have always been a few well-off backers, often from family-run businesses and some with old Liberal non-conformist links. Tony Benn, for instance, comes from a wealthy publishing family and his father was a Liberal convert to Labour in the 1930s.

in the postwar era very few large public companies have made dona-

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rions to Labour. Even if some of their senior executives have been sympathetic to the party, they knew with their mainly Tory shareholders. Even now only Pearson and Tate and Lyle have been oamed by Labour as giving more than £5,000

Both the Tories and Labour are targeting wealthy individuals who prospered during the 1980s, While more businessmen now give to Labour than did before the Blair era, many more still donate to the Tories, Like some other big-named donors. Mr Harding has built a successful medium-sized business rather than run a household-name corporation. The best-known company chairman sympathetic to new" Labour's aims is David Sainsbury, who comes from the Labour rather than the Tory side of a politically divided family.

Apart from occasional big names. Labour has raised much more from smaller one-off and regular donors, up from 33,500 in 1992 to nearly 120,000 last year. While the unions' contribution is down from three-quarters a decade ago, it remains more than a half. Mr Blair may welcome the backing of industrialists but he still needs the unions, for the time being.

PETER RIDDELL

Devolution policy in disarray after Labour U-turn on referendums

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR'S devolution plans collapsed in disarray yesterday when the party abandoned, after six days, a pledge to hold a second referendum on the tax-varying powers of a Sconish parliament.

In the third policy change on devolution in less than three months, the party leadership reverted to an earlier policy of holding a single referendum with two questions. The move was an embarrass ing reversal of the party's decision, taken only last weekend, that after it had been set up. a Scottish assembly would hold a referendum to confirm that the public wanted it to have power to raise or lower tax by a 3p. Scottish voters would now have just one referendum, to be held within weeks of Labour taking office, on whether they want an assembly and whether that assembly should have the power to vary taxes.

The about-turn is embarrassing to a Labour leadership that was confident that it had spiked the guns of Tory ministers claiming that Scottish people would be forced against their will to pay higher

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, attacked the confusion among Labour leaders as "an extraordinary shambles. The whole thing is just a dog's breakfast. They are making it up as they

Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, will add to Labour's discomfort today when he addresses an anti-devolution rally organised by the Conservarive party in Perth. Labour leaders made no

attempt to disquise their embarrassment. This is a dreadful mess but we have to be big enough to face up to it and not run away," said a front-bench spokesman. The shift on a key manifesto commitment increases tensions in Scottish Labour ranks only days before Tony Blair embarks on a campaign tour. The Labour leader faces criticism from party activists who claim that devolution policy

is being developed "on the hoof". George Robertson, Shadow Scottish Secretary, called a hasfily-arranged press conference in Scotland to break the news that he had dropped the two-referendum package. He said that the proposal -which he personally brokered as a compromise between senior Labour party figures in Scotland last weekend "clearly does not have support".

Judge names rapist aged 16

Cootinued from page 1 London less than a month and spoke little English when she Molloy's home. She was kept prisoner and subjected to a humiliating sexual ordeal over two days while Molloy and his gang of five friends cheered on and encouraged each other,

the Old Bailey was told. Judge Boal said the way the gang had treated the victim defied belief. "To say you chaved like animals would do an injustice to the animal kingdom," he told them. "The courts must do everything in their power to protect girls

from predators like you." The judge was told that the victim, who comes from a rural community, was so ashamed of what had hap-

pened that she had not been able to tell her parents, since she believed the shock would possible suicide to the family. No-one can have any real idea of the extent to which these events have scarred her future life," the judge said.

Gerrard Molloy, 16, was given two ten year sentences for two charges of rape. He was on bail for a burglary offence at the time of the rape, and has a number of previous Jason Baksh, 18, was sen-

tenced to two seven-year terms for two rapes, to run concurrently. Aynton Waite, 20, was given six years for rape and three years for indecent assault, to run concurrently. Roger Leslie, 19, three years



Tony Baksh, 15

and two years for two indecent assaults, to run concurrently. Mark Baksh, 23, four years for rape. Anthony Baksh, 15, was given 30 months for rape. All are from the Streatham. Tulse

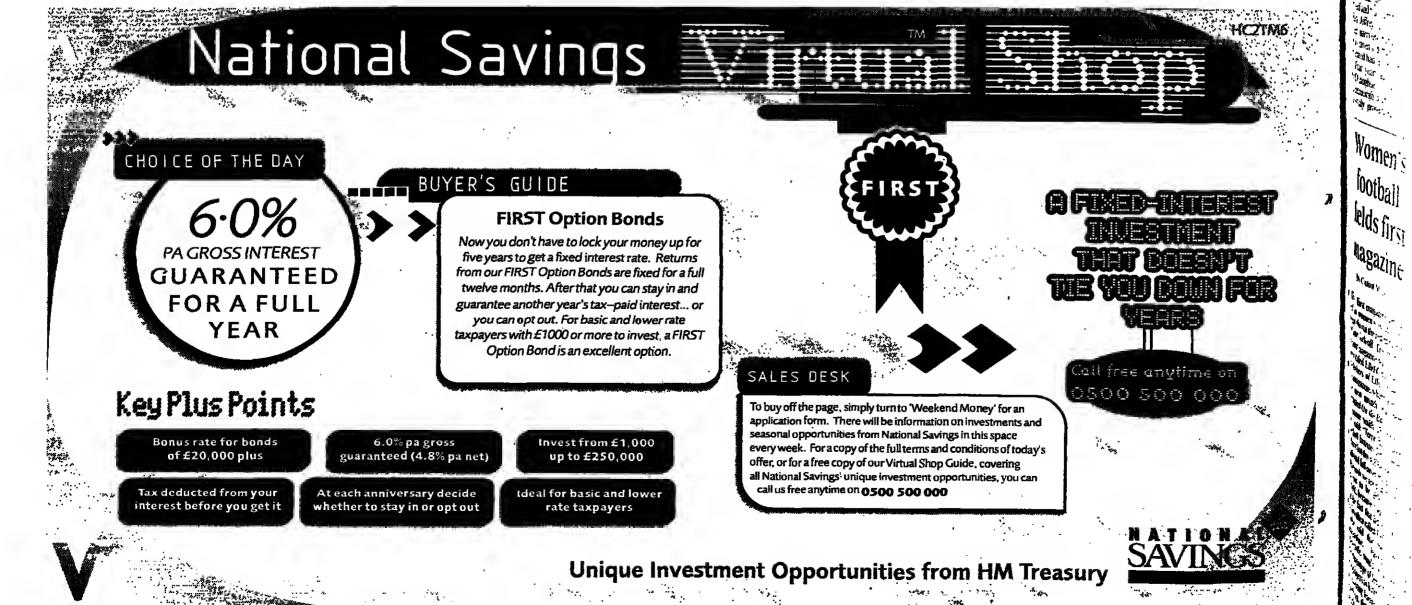
London. The judge told them that if they had been older they tences in double figures. Like rape victim Julia Ma-

son, who spent six days in the

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witness box questioned by her attacker Ralston Edwards, the student's ordeal has led to calls for changed in legislation governing rape victims giving evidence. Julie Bindel of Justice for Women said the victim's ordeal was a disgrace. "It is totally unnecessary for women to be held in the witness box for so long. All too often witnesses in rape trials are treated as if they are on trial." Helen Peggs of Victim Support appealed for the Bar council to reassess cases with mulriple defendant.



Fraudsters

Police decide artist's 'metaphor for human condition' is best kept out of sight

Cathedral shows naked video behind curtain

By PAUL WILKINSON

A HALF-HOUR video of a naked man being screened non-stop inside Durham Cathedral has been curtained off from the gaze of casual visitors on police advice.

The Lottery-funded film, The Messenger, shows a man emerging from water, taking a breath, then submerging. The American video artist Bill Viola says it is "a metaphor for the human condition".

It was to have been shown in an open area beside the church's great western door, as part of a visual arts display which opens today. Durham police do not believe that it falls foul of the Obscene Publications Act, but they were concerned that its full frontal imagery might distress some visitors to the 900-yearold World Heritage site. Written warnings explaining the nature of the video are being pinned close by.

After a private preview of the exhibition yesterday, Detective Inspector Neil Redhead said that he was not offended: "I think this is a compromise which takes in the views of all concerned, bearing in mind there are children among visitors to the cathedral, I felt it

would be appropriate if it was screened from general view. This allows the presentation to be seen by those who want to see it and prevents offending niore sensitive members of the public. I certainly gave no advice on whether I thought the video show was suitable for a place of worship."

Mr Viola is recognised as a leader in the new medium of video art. Last year he attracted controversy at the Tale Gallery with his work The Nantes Tryptych, which fea-tured his wife in the final stages of labour and his mother dying. Yesterday he said: "I don't agree with the taboo on male nudity. This is nothing to do with erotic art. I did not expect it to come down to the law." The new work reportedly

cost £200,000, paid for with a £97,000 Lottery grant and Government funding. It is part of the year-long visual arts festival throughout the North East. Most of the money has gone on installing video equipment. In the film, a man makes

gurgling noises as he holds his hreath under the surface of a pool of crystal blue water. He

then rises in slow motion to the surface, gasping for air, before gradually disappearing again into the depths. Mr Viola said he hoped his work would "be on a par with the monumental religious paintings and frescoes of the past. The problem as an artist is how to get the message across in an impressive place tike Durham Cathedral.

"My work shows a man gradually emerging from watery depths to take a breath of life, before once more being engulfed. The work is a metaphor for the human condition. It is about the transformation or journey of an individual until they break through to another world."

The video is supported by Visual Arts UK, Northern Arts and the Cathedral's Dean and Chapter. The Dean, the Very Rev John Arnold, said they had screened off the area as legal advice suggested it might infringe the Children's Act. "A child who had been sexually abused might come into the cathedral and be disturbed by a large nude male image. We decided to screen it off to show it in its entirety. The alternative was



having to close it down. "I regret that, I find nothing offensive in it but feel it is necessary. It is not heroic or

vulnerability. Canon Bill Hall, chaplain to the arts and recreation in the diocese said: "I am mystified that anyone could regard this exhibition as controversial.

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artist, then I would think people might be justified to be upset. Instead we are fortunate to have an artist of such calibre dealing in a profound-ly spiritual subject maner. It is a thing of great beauty."

When the exhibtion ends on October 12, if will tour France, America and Japan before returning to stay in the North East. The recording will re-

peat continuously for seven hours each day, except during services. It was called and a waste of money by Peter Bruinvels, a member of the church Synod and a former Tory MP. He said: "What a waste of funds. The Church needs new bells, organs and news, the last thing it needs is

male nudes," One visitor, Mary Stevens, 63, a retired teacher from Harlow, Essex, said: "I can think of better places to have an art exhibition, especially Alan Sykes, co-ordinator of

Visual Arts UK, said: "We are sensitive to the fact that the cathedral is still a place of worship. We are still expecting many people coming to Dur-ham just to see this."

milked EU in shuttle trip scam A WEALTHY businessman was jailed for two years yesterday for his part in a fraud that saw a 20-tonne load of pow-dered milk shuttled across the English Channel to France and back five times, claiming an EU subsidy each time. Anthony Dyer, 60, of Chislehurst, southeast London, and

his two accomplices received £158,000 in subsidies by telling EU bureaucrats they were sending the milk to Albania, Luton Crown Court was told. The fraud was uncovered by a joint operadon between Brinsh and Albanian Customs. Dyer's company, Gemgaze of Erith, Kent, claimed subsidies on eight 20-

tonne shipments of powdered milk to Albania. The EU Intervention Board Executive Agency (IBEA) pays the cash to companies exporting certain goods outside the Union, allowing them to be sold at a competitive price. Investigators found that two consignments were illegally sold in Greece, where they commanded a higher price than in Albania but were not eligible for subsidy. One was sent across the Channel live times without being opened.

Allan Steward, 48, a salesman of Chelsfield, southeast London, who arranged deals in Greece, was jailed for two years and Graham Powell, 28, a lorry driver, of Blackfen, southeast London, for nine months. The three were ordered to pay £158,000 to the 1BEA and Dyer was ordered to pay £50,000 costs,

Barrister faced poll tax dodger in job interview

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BARRISTER who claims she was barred from a senior iob because she was a woman iuld an industrial tribunal yesterday that her interview dodger whom she had successfully prosecuted. Margaret O'Donoghue also

claimed that the sexist attitude of Redear and Cleveland Council was summed up by the authority leader who boasted he had never been in the kitchen for 15 years and he fancied having five wives. During a discussion on the Labour Party's policy on promoting women. Brian Roberts also allegedly told Ms O'Donoghue that there were too many women on the council.

The tribunal at Middles-brough was told that Ms O'Donoghue, 40, worked for the new Redcar and Cleveland Council as a barrister specialising in environmental advocacy in court. She applied for the post of senior solicitor but rold the tribunal she did not even get an interview despite being the only applicant. She was shortlisted when the job was re-advernised and was surprised to find lan Jeffrey, a councillor, on her injerview panel. The job was given to a man whom she claimed had less experience. Four years ago, when Ms O'Donoghue worked for Langbaurgh council, she successfully prosecuted Mr Jef-



O'Donoghue: elaims council was sexist

frey for non-payment of poll tax. At the time he was chairman of the Cleveland Police Authority. Ms O'Donoghue said Mr Jeffrey's presence on her selection panel breached guidelines stating that panel niembers should be seen to be impartial.

She told the tribunal: "I considered it inappropriate that he should be a member of the panel that interviewed me. Mr Jeffrey said: "I had nothing at all against the individual who prosecuted me. In fact quite the opposite." Ms O'Donoghue, from Eston. Cleveland, claims sexu-

al discrimination against Redear and Cleveland, Langbaurgh's successor authority. The council denies her claim. The tribunal panel reserved judgment to a later date.

Children in care 'procured into vice'

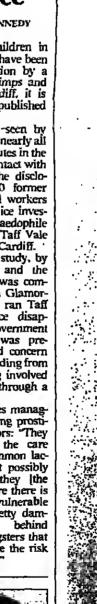
BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

MORE than 50 children in care are believed to have been lured into prostitution by a network of adult pimps and paedophiles in Cardiff, it is alleged in an unpublished

The draft report, seen by The Times, says that nearly all the underage prostitutes in the area had been in contact with the care system. The disclo-sure comes as 400 former residents and social workers yesterday called police inves-tigating an alleged paedophile ring at the former Taff Vale residencial home in Cardiff.

The unpublished study, by Cardiff University and the Children's Society, was commissioned by South Glamorgan council, which ran Taff Vale but has since disappeared in local government reorganisatioo. It was prepared in 1994 amid concern that children absounding from care were becoming involved in risky behaviour through a network of adulis.

One social services manager dealing with young prostitutes told the authors: They were all part of the care system, that's a common lactor ... I think that possibly the link is that they the abusers] know where there is a ready supply of vulnerable youngsters with pretty dam-aged experiences behind them, I mean youngsters that are prepared to take the risk for a couple of quid."





By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE first magazine dedicated to women's football has been shown the red card even before kick-off. The monthly colour magazine was to have been titled ElleFC but Eman. publishers of Elle, objected. The magazine, which goes oo sale next mooth, has been renamed On the Ball.

Joaque Smith, 23, the editor, said: "There have been football fanzines for women before but this will be the first national full-cover magazine. Obviously we are disappointed not to be able to use ElleFC. because it was a play on the fact that ladies football is often called LFC."

She said that the £1.50 magazine based in Newcastle, would shake off the stereotype of female footbali players as botch. As well as covering league matches.



Smith: plans advice that ranges from tactics and fitness to the best make-up and bras

estimated 20,000 players, 600 fashion side of football, but registered clobs and a growing army of fans. "There is a totally untapped market out there which we are hoping to get into," said Miss Smith, whose previous magazine experience was in sales for an armed forces publication. The registered clubs did not include university and small

local teams. She said the magazine would be a bright, 52-page product which would cover the sport in a lively way: "It is not like years ago when womeo who played football were considered masculine. the sport is what we are about first and foremost." Ms Smith, a lifelong fan of

the game though not a player. said she would like to address such topics as the need for specially-designed women's strips. For years people have criticised women who play football for being shape-less and looking like men. but a lot of the time that is because they are wearing strips designed for meo.

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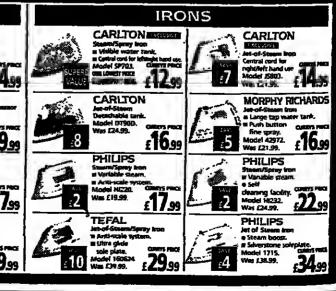
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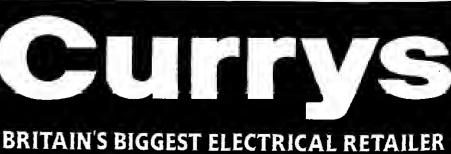
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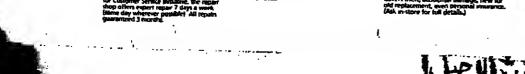


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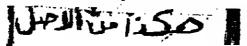


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Outside applications from fully comprehensive areas could create shortage of places for residents

Tory borough leads way to selection in all schools

A LONDON burough is to become the first education authority to introduce selection in all its schools since Labour brought in the neighbourhood comprehensive.

Councillors in Bromley, where Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, has sent her son to school, meet on Monday to consider a request from the last secondary school under their control to select 15 per cent of its pupils. The 14 other comprehensive schools, all grant-maintained, have announced plans for partial selec-

Foundation, said yesterday that at least two groups of schools in other parts of England were waiting to follow suit. The long-term consequence is likely to be a boost for John Major's ideal of a grammar

school in every town.
Cator Park Girls School will become the first local authority comprehensive to introduce partial academic selection if Bromley Edu-cation Committee agrees. Although councillors have proclaimed their support for fully comprehensive education, a majority of members

its brightest candidates, Roger Wood, the borough's dep-uty director of education, said: "We have been opposed to partial selection on principle because it is not consistent with maintaining or expanding choice and diversity. But do you stick to a principle blindly when your own family is

going to suffer?"

The grant-maintained comprehensives decided on IS per cent selection, the maximum allowed without ministerial approval, when one of their number, Hayes School, applied to select a quarter of its

expected to accept the school's case that it cannot afford to risk losing single 11-plus style of test in

Mr Wood said the move would attract more "Harriet Harmantype applications" from parents living in fully comprehensive bor-oughs. With a fifth of places in Bromley schools already taken by children from other boroughs, a shortage of places for borough

residents was inevitable.
The Funding Agency for Schools is already planning a new second-ary school to cater for rising demand in Bromley and had to find extra places in grant-main100 children could be without schools next September if the present pattern of out-of-borough

applications continued.
Sir Robert said: "There is bound to be demand from socialist boroughs when parents are given the upportunity of choosing a partially selective school. And I believe there will be a considerable knock-on effect from the Bromley schools'

He added: "I know of one or two areas with numerous grant-maintained schools where groups of heads are giving very careful consideration to 15 per cent selec-

non and I am sure they will go ahead. They are unlikely to go much further in the short term but the trend is towards more

Bromley already has two grammar schools, Newstead Wood, for girls, and St Olave's, for boys, which is attended by Ms Harman's son. Both are high in the examinarion league tables.

New regulations introduced by Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, allow all grant-maintained schools to select up to IS per cent of pupils for a range of specialisms or on general academic ability. Legislais expected to raise the limit to 50 per cent, with a lower threshold for local authority schools.

The Funding Agency considered making Bromley's new school fully selective but is now expected to opt for a comprehensive. Under current regulations, it would be up to the governors whether to have a partially selective intake. A change of government would create further uncertainty. Labour is committed to parents' ballots where there is opposition to existing selection but David Blunkert, Shadow Educarion Secretary, has said no new selective schools would be created.

Blind pilot takes charity to the air

A BLIND pilot took to the skies yesterday oo a ronod-Britain charity flight to raise mooey for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Ken Woodward, 46, from

Brightlingsea. Essex, who lost his sight after a chemical explosion, will be meeting celebrities along the route. His nine-day flight, which started from Elstree. Hertfordshire, is inspired by the help he received wheo trying tn rebuild bis life at the iostitute's rebabilitatioo ceotre in Torquay. "They

gave me that hope, that vision a od a future, and that's why

During the flight the father of four will be aided by Captaio John Ripley, of the Loodoo School of Flying, who will navigate and give him radio instructions. Mr Woodward admits that he was terrified when he first piloted a plane four years ago. He said: "It frightened me to death, but when it was all over I thought, 'I took the controls of that - I'm blind and I did that'"





Footballer wins cash for injury in tackle

By FRANCES Graa

A FOOTBALLER has agreed an out-of-court settlement over a tackle that ended his career. John Uzzell suffered severe facial injuries during a league match five years ago.

Uzzell, former left back with Torquay United, was suing Brentford FC and their former striker, Gary Blissett, over an aerial challenge that left him with a shattered cheekbone and eye socket. The case was due to be heard before a High Court judge in Exeter over four days next week. Yesterday the case was settled and Uzzell, 37, now a postman near Plymouth, was said to be very happy" with the com-pensation offer. He had been seeking damages of about £100,000.

Barbara Head, his lawyer, said: "The loose ends have been tied up and the case has been settled. It is subject to a confidentiality agreement not to discuss the terms," John Smith, for Brentford, said: There has been no admission

Museum makes opening move to market Roman board game

By ROBIN YOUNG

A ROMAN board game discovered in excavations at Stanway, Essex, could be marketed for modern players.

The front-runner taking interest in the find at a burial site is the British Museum Company, merchandising arm of the national depository for ancient treasures. Rebecca Bone, a spokeswoman, said vesterday: "It is a great idea. We have been talking about it this morning, though the thing is not even completely excavated yet." The company

already markets the Royal Game of Ur, using rules developed by Dr Irving Finkel, assistant keeper in the Western Asiatic Department.

He said: "When we have the whole thing excavated it should be possible to do a decent job of reconstucting the game from evidence in Latin poetry or pictorial representations. The board has not survived but seems to have been a oddly shaped wooden box lined with leather. We have the dimensions and the bronze corners."

"At present it looks as if the

newly found Roman game is a form of Labrunculus, or 'linke soldiers', but the board is less like a chessboard than in other versions. There are some reproductions of Latrunculus on the market, but with the new evidence we would do the best we could to come up with something authennic yet rather different."

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New Forest mushroom ban is recipe for conflict

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A THREAT by rangers in the New Forest to ban the commercial picking of mushrooms for London restaurants has provoked an outcry from residents who claim ancient rights to harvest the region's rich supply of edible fungi.

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The Forestry Commission, which manages the forest on behalf of the Crown, is keen to prevent the annual invasion of foragers who can make up to £2,000 a week supplying London stores and restaurants with delicacies such as the cep, the horn-of-plenty and slippery jacks.

Martin Noble, the forest's head keeper, said: "We are just coming to the time of year when the mushrooms are at their most abundant because of the right combination of warmth and damp. Last year several hundred commercial pickers came here and denuded whole areas of woodland. We do not mind people picking for their own table, but we want to stop them stripping the place bare."

Mushroom harvesting is banned in nine protection areas and the commission is drafting emergency bylaws enabling fines of up to £500 to be imposed on commercial pickers throughout the forest. "Commercial pickers are unlikely to admit what they are about, so we may have to consider imposing a weight limit on how many mushrooms can be taken per person," Mr Noble said. "Offenders would be given a verbal warning and fined if they persisted."

Alexander Aitken, owner of Le Poussin restaurant in Brockenhurst, Hampshire, which has a star in the Michelin Guide, said that he would sue the commission if it attempted to stop him picking fungi for his customers: "It would be absurd if a restaurant like ours was forced to serve imported French mushrooms. We specialise in regional dishes, including venison and pigeon, and we serve about 20 different varieties of local fungi. One of our specialities is devil's purse puffballs, which taste a bit like sweetbreads when diced and sautéed in butter."

Mr Aitken would not mind action to control pickers from outside, but said that the commission would have serious legal difficulties in preventing picking by those such as himself who lived within the forest boundary and enjoyed commoners' rights.

Another forest resident,

John Hillman, whose wife runs a mushroom wholesale business and numbers Harrods and Harvey Nichols among her customers, said: "There is a lot of nonsense talked by the Forestry Commission about what they can and cannot do. Only the Queen can say ultimately what happens here, and she will not touch rights that have existed for over 1,000 years."

David Pegler, head of mycology at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, said that heavy commercial picking could be damaging: "The danger when you have a lot of people trampling about is that they destroy the underlying mycelium, the fungal vegetative matter in which the mushrooms grow."

Food and Drink,



Work on the auditorium of the restored Lyceum nears completion for its first production; below, the theatre in its Victorian heyday

Lyceum Theatre rises again after war, bingo and neglect

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE oew face of the Lyceum, ooce ooe of Loodoo's grandest theatres until it fell into disrepair, was unveiled yesterday after a £14.5 millioo reoovatioo.

The 2,000-seat Regency theatre, which stands oo the corner of The Srand, has been derelict for ten years. It was due to be demolished in 1939 but the outbreak of war brought relief and the theatre

was used for tea dauces.

Later, under the Greater

London Couocil, it became a
hingo and dance hall.

Now, after the most exten-

sive British theatrical resto-

ration undertaken this centory, its boards will be trod again in November when Sir Andrew Lluyd Webber opens a revival of Jesus Christ Superstar. The auditorium has been restored to its original glory and the ceiling has been ornately decorated in Regency style with huge paintings and golden cherubs. A new orchestra pit has been dug and backstage space here extended.

space has been extended.
Sir John Gielgud gave six farewell performances of Hamlet there before it closed in 1939 as a live theatre and uttered the last words to be heard on the stage, "Long live the Lyceum". A restaurant, named after Sir Henry Irving, another devotee, has also been added.



Diplomat jailed over child-sex videos

BY RICHARD DUCE

A JUDGE jailing a British diplomat yesterday for smuggling child pornography told him: "If it were not for men such as you to provide a market for this filth, there would be no incentive for others to manufacture and sell for

profit."
Judge Butler jailed Robert
Coghlan, who was caught by
customs officers smuggling
videos from Japan, where he
served as a First Secretary, for
three years, in effect ending
his 30-year career.

The Foreign Office later confirmed that Coghlan. 54. would be the subject of internal disciplinary proceedings. They are likely to lead to his dismissal.

At Southwark Crown Court. the judge told Coghlan, who speni thousands of pounds amassing a collection pornographic videos: "There is no evidence before me that you used or intended to use this obscene material for any purpose other than for your own sexual gratification. but a custodial sentence is inevitable. I am satisfied that you knew that large numbers of these cassettes involved the exploitation, abuse and degradation of children. The sentence must be of sufficient length not only to punish you. but also to deter others."

Coghlan, a divorced father of two, is a linguist who escorted Diana, Princess of Wales during her visit last year to Tokyo, where he worked at the embassy.

He was convicted on Thursday of smuggling 109 obscene videos, 70 of them involving child sex, into Britain last March. Coghlan, of Islington, north London, did not dispute that the videos were obscene but maintained he had intended to ship them straight to Madrid for his next posting.

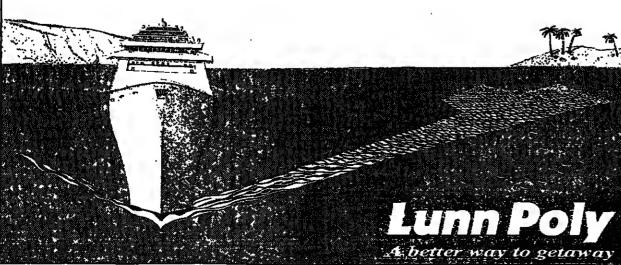
Russell Huston, for the defence, said that Coghlan had given "long and valued service" to the country.

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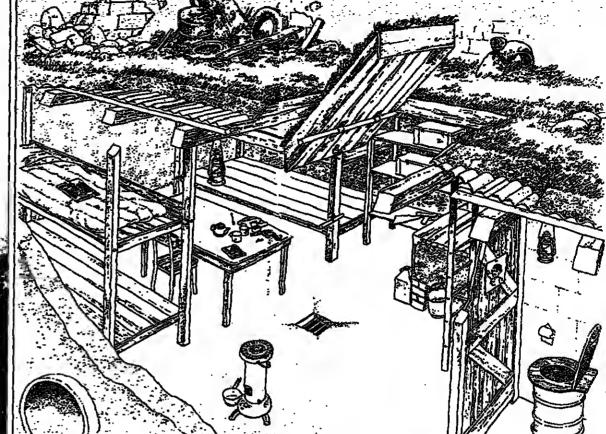






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Going underground: John Sealy, now 73, at the entrance to the bunker where, as a young man, he prepared to fight to the end for his country. An artist's impression shows the extensive preparations behind the guerrilla camps Honour at last for elite force whose hour never came

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SURVIVORS of a special wartime force who were secretly trained as resistance fighters in the event of German occupation are to receive medals

more than 50 years later.
The men of the Auxiliary Units told their families they were just members of the Home Guard and wore the normal "Dad's Army" uniform. Instead, they slipped away to concealed bunkers to prepare for Nazi invaders. Trained in silent killing, they stockpiled explosives and weapons and studied local

targets they might one day have to destroy or sabotage.

They were the men who would help fulfil Churchill's 1940 promise: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the

hills; we shall never been trained to operate inde-



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One former member of the Auxiliary Units, farmer John Sealy, 73, this week revisited his former secret bunker, 15ft underground at Westbury sub-Mendip in Somerset, a few miles from his home. He said: "My parents thought I was in the Home Guard. They couldn't know what I was really doing because the Ger-mans could have got hold of

them and tortured them. "It was so frustrating. I was 17 and all my mates were in uniform and rushing off to the Army and the RAF and impressing all the girls. I was accepted as RAF aircrew but then they sent me back here. We were needed more where

While other fit young men were in the forces, the secret force were an exception within wrender." survivors aware that they are provided they could prove force were an exception within More than 3,000 men had eligible for medals for their they had completed three the Home Guard of mostly older men and reserved occu-

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"armed to the teeth", he still had to pretend he was just "a plain old farm lad with a Home Guard uniform".

He said: "In 1945, I told my parents, but by then nobody was very interested. There was no glory for us, no medals."
Pointing to where his underground hideout used to be. Mr Sealy said: "There was a hidden trap door here. The

shelter and the landowner had to be sworn to secrecy. We only came at night. It was full of explosives, revolv-

ers and Tommy guns, as well

as bunk beds. We had two fall-back bunkers in case this was found, but we didn't know British officers to go out and recruit and train bright young men all over England. They where other units were. We were to be the secret army. For

it would happen." Donald Brown, an Imperial War Museum researcher. came across survivors from the special wartime units while studying Britain's con-crete pill boxes. He said: "It's a regular Army installed this fascinating story. In 1940, as each country in Europe fell to Germany, Churchill asked why nobody was fighting be-

recruit and train bright young men all over England. They were all sworn to secrecy. Even now they hesitate before discussing what they did."
According to the files, Chur-

a long time we really thought chill even reached an agreement with the Americans to arm the secret soldiers with Thompson sub-machineguns and Colt 45 revolvers seized

from gangsters by the FBI. Professor Christopher Andrew of Cambridge University said: "This shows that when Churchill said, 'We will fight

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not taking the invasion threat seriously in 1940 was crazy." Mr Sealy still has a letter from Colonel F.W.R. Douglas, commander of the Auxiliary Units, ordering them to stand down in November 1944. The colonel wrote: "You were invited to do a job requiring more skill and coolness, more hard work and greater danger than was demanded of any other voluntary organisation. In view of the fact that your lives depended on secrecy, no public recognition will be



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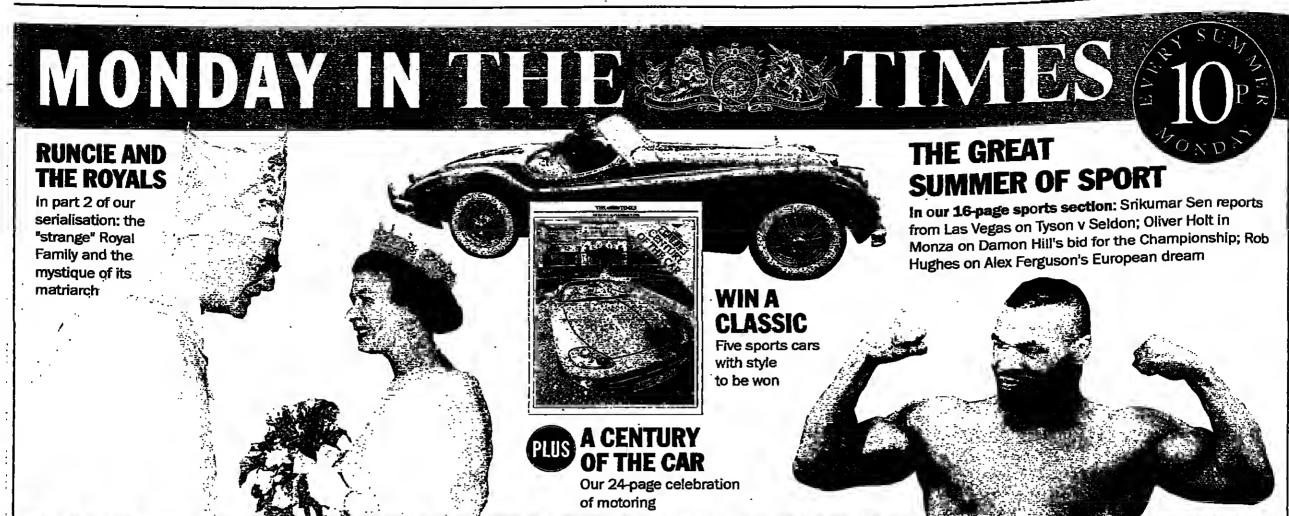
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Protestants closer to boycott of Irish goods

THE prospect of a crossborder sectarian boycott of goods in Northern Ireland increased yesterday when Adams threw his weight behind a campaign by nationalists to shun Protestant shops and companies.

An unnamed consortium of Protestant wholesalers has already threatened to stop buying products from the Irish Republic from October 1 if the nationalist boycott does

The boycotts are the most glaring example of the dranatic rise in sectarian tension towns and roads throughout Northern Ireland during the stand-off at Drumeree in July. The campaign was launched by nationalists in Castlederg. Co Tyrone, in protest against Protestant businessmen who allegedly joined a blockade of the town during the Drumcree

disturbances. Protestant businesses have struck back. In Portadown, Co Armagh, loyalists placed posters in the town this week calling on their "brethren" to boycott Roman Catholic businesses

In his first public comments since nationalists launched the boycotts two months ago, the Sinn Fein president said: We accept as totally legitimate that Catholics should boycott those Orangemen or Unionists who were involved in the events of Drumcree. Mr Adams denied that Sinn Fein was orchestrating the campaign and insisted that the party was opposed to indiscriminate boycotts of

Protestant businesses. However, a leading loyalist accused Sinn Fein yesterday of forcing Catholics to boycont Protestant businesses. Hugh Smyth, the leader of the Progressive Unionist Party, the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, said: "Over the past two weeks there was a flittering back to these shops by the Catholic community

and in some cases businesses were up by 25 per cent. But the day after their trip to the shops a car arrived with some of the bully boys of Sinn Fein and ordered the Catholics out of the shops."

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The renewed sectarian tension has also spilled onto the streets. In North Belfast this week there were sectarian clashes three nights in a row. with political leaders on both sides blaming their opponents for starting the trouble, which led to terrifying ordeals for some residents.

☐ Billy Wright, the loyalist who is under sentence of death from Protestant paramilitaries, appeared in court yesterday charged with assault-

ing two police officers. Mr Wright, 36, was also charged with wounding a man in a hotel car park in Portadown, Co Armagh, in April last year, disorderly behaviour. causing an affray and resisting a police constable in the course of his duty. He was not formally called to answer the charges and the case at Craigavon Magistrates' Court, Co Armagh, was adjourned to November.

A defence solicitor said that Mr Wright, for whom an address was given in Portadown, would be contesting the charges.

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By RICHARD DUCE

MANCHESTER United was criticised by a distinguished doctor yesterday for promoting its own brand of whisky. A link between hard drink and the sporting stars who turn out for United sent "completely the wrong message" to young supporters, said Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, Presi-dent of the Royal College of

Sir Leslie originally com-plained to the club by lener but was so incensed by what he saw as its ambivalent response that he made the exchange public yesterday. He attacked not only the club's promotion of its whisky at E10.99 a bottle but also its branded crisps and chocolate. He said: "It is difficult enough to encourage children 10 eat healthily and take regular exercise without having some of their major sporting heroes backing products which will

have the opposite effect. "I am disappointed that the club has taken this view.

The label of Thickhead, the alcoholic fizzy drink, has been altered after criticism that the man on it was too appealing to young people.
Jean Cnussins, of the industry's regulatory body. The
Portman Group, said: "The man now looks as if they have told him he is respons-

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lost by the company's first attempt." Carlsberg Tetley.

the brewer, put the cost at closer to £100,000.

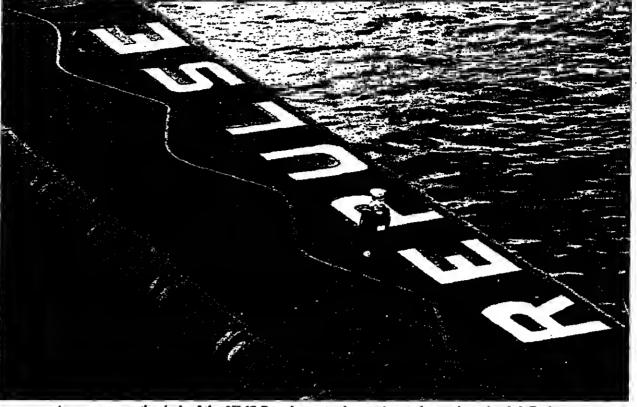
which seems at odds with their other initiatives such as working with police forces against drug abuse." In his lener of July I. Sir Leslie, a specialist in gastroenterology, who lives in . Manchester, criticised Manchester United Premier Blend and his concern was echoed at the time by Alcohol Concern

and some MPs. Sir Leslie wrote: "I feel very strongly that for Manchester United to be seen promoting a product of this sort sends out

completely the wrong message to the large number of child-ren who follow the team and idolise the players." It reinforced the link between football and alcohol, "which is unfortunately all too prevalent in our society". Martin Edwards, chairman

of the club, which generates £23 million a year from marketing, had replied: "We do not believe that the criticism of our involvement with whisky is justified when one considers that there are literally hundreds of brands on the market. We do not sell the whisky in our store or, indeed, any alcoholic products. We do take our responsibilities to the pub-

lic very seriously." Ken Ramsden, United's assistant secretary, said: "We think Sir Leslie is well-intentioned, but he has gone too far and picked the wrong target.
The problem of alcohol abuse among young people already exists. I don't believe we are



A crewman on the deck of the HMS Repulse yesterday as the nuclear submarine left Faslane

Redundant nuclear warrior sails into history

THE last Polaris ballistic missile submarine to be decommissioned was taken on her final journey yesterday (Michael Evans writes). HMS Repulse, which was officially decommissioned last week in a ceremony attended by John Major at the Faslane naval base on the Clyde, will

have her nuclear fuel rods and other long-term storage site. Britain's new

THE SUNDAY TIMES RAVE ON



Savour the moment: Buddy Holly in Wigan, walking the well-bred ancashire lass down the unmade lane to her front-gate, giving her a chaste goodnight kiss, then returning past cobbled streets of dark factory chimneys and back-to-back houses, still."looking for someone to love"

Philip Norman, rock'n'roll's foremost biographer, on Buddy Holly

Exclusive in THE SUNDAY TIMES tomorrow

Urban nightmare becomes dream estate of future

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

THE first families moved into Manchester firm of architects a housing estate designed for the 21st century yesterday. It was built on the site of one of Europe's worst 1960s high-rise urban jungles.

With turfed roofs, shredded newspaper insulation in the walls and recycled lavatories in the bathrooms, the 50-flat "Homes for Change" block at Hulme, the run-down Manchester suburb, has been designed to the tenants' own specifications. The block. ich has job-creating workshops at ground level, is the centre of a £70 million urban redevelopment replacing the huge crescent-shaped flats that were notorious for vandalism and mugging.

Charlie Baker, the last tenant to move out of the Crescents before they were pulled down in 1993, is a founder member of the co-operative set up to build the £4 million community venture. "Even though the Crescents were terrible. some of us felt there was the basis of a real urban community there if we could only provide a good environment." he said. As the bulldozers flattened the old blocks. 18 families formed a group to design their ideal home. With guidance from

- Mills, Beaumont, Leavey. Channon - the group worked throughout 1993. For security reasons, they opted for a building round a courtyard, with access possible only through gates controlled by the residents or tenants of the workshops on the two lower floors. The design has already won a security award from Manchester Police.

"Everyone knows everyone else so if we see people we is easy for us to confront them." Mr Baker said. "It all build a community helps

The block has been built from aggregate made with fuel ash from power stations and rubble from the Crescents. There is no plywood or chipboard and all timber is from sustainable Swedish forests. The lavatories were rescued from the demolition site. scrubbed down and fitted in the new flats. Grass grown on the stepped terraces provides roof insulation for the flats below and a safe play area for children. The insulation is so efficient that only the smallest radiators are needed and hear ing bills are expected to be no

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Five contenders for Preacher of the Year include former primary teacher

Finalists line up for last word in sermons

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FIVE preachers have been chosen to compete in the final of the Preacher of the Year award. sponsored by The Times and organised by the College of Preachers.

The five, who defeated more than 250 preachers, include one woman. Anne Peat, a former primary school teacher who is a lay preacher in her local Church of England and Methodist churches. She will preach in next month's final with Fr William Anderson, a Roman Catholic priest: the Rev Christopher Burken, from Cheshire: the Rev Bernard Thomas, a Welsh-speaking Anglican clergyman with the Church in Wales; and Dr Arnold Kellett, at 70 the oldest finalist, a lavman who was twice mayor of his home town, Knaresborough in North Yorkshire.

Judges will include the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Durham and chairman of council of the College of Preachers, Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the celebrated author and atheist, and John Guntmer, the Environment Sec-

retary. Mr Gummer, who with Sir Ludovic helped to judge last year's final, said: "I will be looking for a preacher who uses the pulpit to give a message in a way which cannot be communicated in any other way. I will also look for a preacher who can give me a new insight into a



Dr Arnald Kellett, head of modern languages at King James's school, Knaresborough, natil 1983, became a Methodist preacher in 1953. Married with four children aod 14 grandchildren, he served in the army intelligence corps, spendiog two years in the Far East. He believes religion is "not taught but caught" and that all people, especially children, learn by example and conviction. Dr Kellett is about to publish Ee By Gum. Lord, a version of the gospels

in Yorkshire dialect.

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The five were chosen from a shortlist

of 30 after assessors from the College of

churches and chapels to hear them

preach. The 30 were whittled down

from the 250-plus entries after they

submined written texts of sermons

they had preached. Bishop Turnbull

insight which suddenly illuminates it



The Rev Bernard Thnmas, 50, married with three children, cares for a remote, hilltop community in the South Wales valleys. A local historian, he grew up in a parish served by good preachers and felt that nothing less than to become one himself would satisfy him. He describes himself as "blessed with a loud voice" and believes that. in places, the standard of preaching has dropped. People are being shortchanged if they only have five minutes." he said. "You mustn't be above people.;

Anne Peat, 48, married with

two adult sons, decided ten years ago to become a lay reader in the Chorch of Eogland after belping her vicar to write his sermons. She has never sought ordination, believing that, as a lay person, she has a vocation to preach from her experiences of living. She believes that sermans should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. "People should oot see going to church as an escape but as something that equips them to cope with the



Fr William Anderson, 65, the only Roman Catholic to make the shortlist, is a canon at St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen. A graduate of Aberdeen and Cambridge, he studied for the priesthood in Rome and has worked for the BBC's religious affairs department. He said: "I often try to weave a degree of poetry into my sermons and draw conclu-sions from it." He said preaching "must become tailored to the times we live in"; the attention span of congregations was shorter and the style had to be brief and pointed.

courage to explore. I want exhortation.

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Finally, I want to see conviction that

The five will compete for the title

the sermon is a high point of worship."

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dral on October 30 at 2pm. Each will

be invited to address a separate text

from the psalms. To coincide with the

final the 30 shortlisted sermons will be



The Rev Christopher Burkett. 44, vicar of St Mary Whitegate and St Peter Little Budworth, Cheshire, is married with three young daughters. He started preaching occasinnally as a teenager to help the hard-pressed local vicar. He also sometimes preached at Warwick University and edits the internatinnal prayer journal En-counter. He believes sermans help to bridge the gap between God and day-to-day life. Sermons are "glimpses of the eternal in ordinary. everyday circumstances".

published in the second Times Book of Best Sermons (Cassell, £9.99).

The winner will be presented with a specially commissioned sculpture, a bronze of a dove by the Chelsea sculptor Ros Stracey. All are welcome to anend the final at Southwark Cathedral, Entrance is free.

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Credo Understanding life is a game of two halves

Rev David Wilbourne

re we often in two minds about something? Behind that haekneyed phrase is a phys-iolugical and even spiritual question

investigation. At the risk of over-simplification, it is all down to the brain's two hemispheres. Each and every personality is composite, consisting of dynamic interaction tween two sides of the brain. Personality fragmentation takes place when the interaction is destructive rather than constructive, nr when the cord connecting the two hemispheres is severed - an alarming side-effect to what was initially considered a cure for epilepsy. It seems, there-fore that unitary personality is both a false goal and a false god.

Another unitary theme the churches are currently embarking on is their annual harvest festival. celebrating harmony in creation. That belies a reality where natural and political order seem anything but harmonious. The Middle East and Ireland, to take two examples, present all the hallmarks of a fragmented personality. Yet those who look towards healing need not be afraid of a continuing dynamic tension, as if conformity and uniformity were the only essence of peace. For if such tension is the sine qun non of personality, then it may be the same necessary

ingredient elsewhere. There may be similarly false expectations of wholeness which undermine modern marriage, as if harmonious calm was the only criterion for a successful partnership. And what of the Church, by schisms rent asunder? Again, is tension all bad? Can, for instance, the debate and division over the ordination of wnnien be seen as a sign of life, of a development of a personality which subsists in two integrirles, rather than as a sign of doom?

The Church is not helped by repeated bouts of golden-ageitis, looking back to an origin of one faith, one Church, one Lord. Yet this age never was. The New Testament testifies to a plethora of controversies: Christianity was forged in a crucible of warring factions. The tension was not the problem. Cutting the cord was, as each sect retreated to its ecclesiastical ghetto and fired broadsides against heterodoxy. Yet those who cut the cord and effectively wall themselves in should bear in mind who precisely remains without

The Trinity is a healthy sign of a divine personality in dynantic tension and interaction. Dualism is refusing tn see both light and darkness within the one God, projecting his dark side onto a convenient devil, But the side-effects of this tempting solution make for a schizophrenic faith and paranoid world, with God's ultimate victory hy no means a foregone conclusion.

If man really is made in God's image, then how the brain works may uffer insights into the very working of God and creation itself. Makes you think twice. doesn't it? Or at least one thought for each hemisphere.

The Rev David Wilbourne is Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of York and Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

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Government must pay for asylum crisis, Hume says

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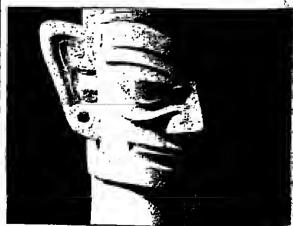
Social security benefits have been cut for most people seeking asylum. The Arch-bishop of Westminster, speaking at the opening of a London night shelter for homeless asylum-seekers, said: "The

Government has a moral responsibility to provide financial support to those voluntary: organisations taking the strain. The humanitarian de mands they are faced with have become so much more; acute as a direct consequence:

of government policy." The centre, run by the Refugee Council and the Westminster diocese, saw up to 80 a people a day who were "literal": ly destitute" he said.

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A SPECTACULAR haul of coins recovered from the wreck of a Royal Mail steamer that sank in 1882 is to be auctioned next month.

More than 10,000 gold sovereigns were recovered from the rusting bullion room of the RMS Douro, an elegant ship that foundered off Cape Finisterre after colliding with a Spanish liner. The treasure has been valued at El 5 million and is to be sold in London by Spink's in November.

The Douro was coming to the end of a 10,000-mile voyage to Southampton from the trading ports in Brazil. Laden with coffee, diamonds and gold, it was within two days of home when, on a clear evening with a full moon, she collided with the Yruroc Bot. Seventeen people on the Dou-ro lost their lives and a further 30 were killed on the Spanish

According to The Times of April 5, 1882, the Douro was badly damaged and sank within 30 minutes, stern first. Forty-nine passengers and 60 crew survived and were picked up by another British steamer, but "the mails, specie [coins], baggage and everything else were lost".

Crucial time was lost in the sinking as the lifeboats jammed in their davits. The rowlocks could not be found and it was discovered that the passengers were siming on the pars. Plugs were missing from boats and passengers had to bail out water

The search for the Douro's treasure began in 1949, when Nigel Pickford, 49, from south London, found a note in his father's diary. It consisted of just six words: "Douro, 1882, E53,000, Bay of Biscay". His father, Thomas, had started working in shipwreck research in 1945 and had located dozens of wrecks; together, they salvaged more than £100 million of lost cargoes. His



"The survivors are completely destitute": The Douro and the report on the sinking from The Times

THE TIMES, APRIL 5, 1882.

THE LOSS OF THE DOURO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) MADRID, APRIL 8.

I have just received the following telegram from a trustworthy correspondent in Corunna referring to the collision between the Royal Mail steamer Douro and the Spanish steamer Yruras Bat :-

"On Saturday night the weather was clear. A large hole was made amldships of the Douro. The boats were immediately cleared away, Douro. The boats were immediately cleared away, but the Douro sank in 30 minutes. Forty-nine passengers and 60 of the crew escaped in the boats, and were picked up by the British steamer Hidalgo, which landed them at Corunns. The mails, specie, baggage, and overything class were lost. The survivors are completely destitute, many being only half clothed. Mesars. Telland Schwind, Commendador Campara, and Lady Racher's maid are missing, also Camera, and Lady Becher's maid are missing, also the captain and four officers, the purser, and ohlef engineer; but the total number is uncertain. The how- of the total number is uncertain.

father had not pursued the Douro because, in the 1940s, the 1,500ft depth of the wreck was considered too great.

About 30 years after finding the note, Mr Pickford decided to develop the project. It took some ten years of research, delving into old newspapers, log books. Lloyd's Registers and ships drawings. By 1992 he and the Swedish marine salvage specialist Sverker Hallstrom had oarrowed the

wreck site to 150 square miles. But finding the Douro proved difficult: there were no drawings of it, the search area contained many other uniden-

tified wrecks from the Victorian steamship era and, at that time, a cargo of gold had never been recovered from inside a

collapsed and rusting iron hull in such deep water. The team worked with the aid of sonar scanning and a hydro-acoustic referencing system, from detailed surveys put together by Mr Pickford and Mr Hallstrom. After painstaking manoeuvres and a last-minute false alarm, the wreck site was found - and confirmed when a porcelain plate was dragged from the

the wreck was the Douro. The Deepsea Worker, a powerful drill ship from an international salvage company, arrived on the scene. The treasure was found and brought to the surface in 1995 and then the team had to wait a year and a day to ensure that there were no claims on it. They managed to trace some of the owners, primarily banks, who will take a share of the proceeds.

The cargo includes 28,000 coins, among them 10,000 gold sovereigns, all in excellent condition. Mark Rasmussen of Spink said that most significant item was a 1,600 reis coin from 1780s colonial

Most of the sovereigns date from Queen Victoria's reign. Some show a portrait of the young Queen by William Wyon and others bear the St George and the Dragon design used under George III. Also of interest are coins made in Australia, which the ship had just collected from a bank in Lisbon. They are said to be in mint condition, having never made it into circulation.

Among other items re-trieved from the wreck are china cups, bowls and plates, all bearing the ship's insignia, two brass portholes and a pair of bronze dolphins.

Mr Pickford said he never doubted that he would find the steamer and recover the cargo, although at many times the operation had been frustrating. "You can never be 100 per cent sure in this business, but I thought we had a very good chance of finding it and identi-

fying it."
Mr Hallstrom said: "The biggest moment for me was when I actually knew it was the right ship. That was more exciting to me than when the gold came up.

The treasure will be on public view at Christie's Ryder Street Rooms, London, from November 10 to 16 and on November 18, before the auc-



NEWS IN BRIEF **Eton chef** escapes jail over fraud

An Etou College chef whu admitted trying to pass forged £10 ootes escaped jail after the school gave him a glowing reference and said he could keep his job if he did not go to prisoo. Pulice fou od 124 other forged ootes at the flat in Etou of Duminie Brookes, 23, head chef uf Walpole House. Winchester Crown Court ordered him to do 240 hours' community service and pay £350 costs.

Stepfather held

Nigel Rawlings, 33, of Uppingham, Leicestershire, was remauded in custody by magistrates at Meltoo Mowbray, charged with the murder of his 14-year-old stepdanghter, Sarah Bottomley.

Flying support

Pilots, engineers and ground crew from the Army Air Corps stationed at Dishforth, North Yorkshire, will man Green Goddess fire engines today as striking Derbyshire firefighters begio a fourth mooth of industrial action.

War pilot buried

A Canadian-born Spitfire pilot was buried in Adegem Canadian military cemetery. Belgium, mure than 50 years after his plane crashed. The remains of Squadron Leader George Reid were identified in wreckage at Maldegem.

Rover ticket

A stray alsatian lost in the London Underground system for four days after wan-dering onto the Northern line near Camden Town, oorth London, has emerged safe, four stops south at Tottenham Court Road.

Dogged tripper

A holidaymaker's Jack Russeli terrier trapped fur 20 days down a rabbit bule in saod duoes at Dunstan Hill. Northumberland, was exhausted uo the beach after apparently eating its way out

mud. On it was painted the once famous Royal Mail insie. verker Hallstrom, who helped to find the Douro, with some of the 10,000 mostly Victorian gold sovereigns found among a haul of 28,000 coins through the sand. ADVERTISEMENT go fine out for a complicated process as easy and painless ainless way to save? "Basically, we've designed our regular savings PEP for people who know they really should be saving, but have never quite got around to doing anything about it!" says biject has created a PEP for people who utterly loathe saving Rowan Gormley. they realised that tax efficient regular saving is often too What's a PEP? licated or just too plain dull to consider. So they simplified it. Personal Equity Plans were designed as a Government savings incentive. with payments from £50 to £500 a month, what could be easier? They are based on investment in the stock on free zone Simplicity Any profit from a PEP is entirely free of tax. PEPs should be an integral Rowan Gormley of Virgin You can save up to £6,000 in a general PEP part of most people's financial Direct picks up the story: plans. But Virgin felt that each tax year. "We've made it incredibly heir potential had neversimple for individual investors a You should be prepared to put your money realised-mainlyibecause to participate in the returns away for at least five years... fatheir packaging, "We of the stock market while • ...But your money can be withdrawn easily spreading the risk. The easy option is to leave if you need to. spare cash in a current account, earning a pitifully low rate of interest. Most of us just By investing on a regular monthly basis, can't be bothered to go through the hassle of savers can iron out the peaks and troughs of the stock market and reduce risk.

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Britain gives up

US airstrikes against Iraq expose allies' divisions over foreign policy

IN BRUSSELS

DISARRAY in Europe over the American airstrikes in traq has offered fresh proof of the European Union's inability to speak with a single diplomatic voice just as ministers meet today in Ireland to try to live up to the ambition. Officials from the smaller EU

states and the Commission are

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Europe again fumbling the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) which it devised at Maastricht. Since France opposed President Clinton's missile attacks, Spain and Italy voiced reservations and Germany gave luke-warm support. It was not surprising that Britain failed in an attempt in Brussels last Tuesday to organise a common EU statement of support for Washington. The Union has repeatedly failed to rise to the occasion on foreign policy, from its inability to act over the conflict in former Yugoslavia to the need for American intervention to stop a threatened war between Greece and Turkey early

At the foreign ministers' meeting today and tomorrow in Tralee, County Kerry, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, and his federal-minded allies are likely to use the differences over the American strikes as a lesson on the need for revamping the EU's machinery in the revised version of the Maastricht treaty.

A big group of member states believes that Europe will endow itself with diplomatic weight to match its status as an economic superpower only when its members agree to a measure of majority

decision-making. There is wide support for mechanisms to ensure more harmony, including a dilution of the national veto. A number of EU states also back the idea of a shared Euro-seat on the United Nations Security Council, something that does not enjoy support from France and Britain, the two EU members who have

permanent seats. Britain is supporting plans to beef up the EU's diplomatic clout

with a new planning team in Brussels, but it argues that foreign policy by majority is an unworkable exercise. Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, constantly tells his EU colleagues: The CFSP will only carry weight internationally if it represents a genuinely

common policy."
President Chirac, who also wants to retain the veto in foreign policy, has just added fuel to the British argument with his stand on

dency to flex its own diplomatic muscles, especially towards Russia and Eastern Europe, also raises questions about its will to defer to the majority

The imminence of the British election is widely hlamed as the main obstruction to progress, but the talks are also being diverted by manoeuvring over the much more momentous and difficult project of

Iraqi troops quit Arbil but remain poised to strike

AMERICAN airstrikes in Irac may have put pressure on President Saddam Hussein's forces to withdraw from the city of Arbil, but those troops

have not gone very far.
In Koshtapa, less than ter miles south of Arbil, what appeared to be an entire traqi battalion was settling in yesterday in positions scattered on either side of the road. apparently preparing for the

Bulldozers were building defences for T55 Russianmade tanks and about a hundred armoured personnel carriers. Iraqi army officers were also manning the two checkpoints that we managed to negoriate at the turn-off at Koshtapa for the Sulaimaniya

After five years of being excluded from the north of its own country, the Iraqi Government is back. It can thank disunity between the Kurdish partners - the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) — for being allowed to regain a foothold in an area which is meant to be a

Saddam-free zone.
Yet the Iraqi leader has now installed his forces at the request of the people he once terrorised and oppressed. It was the KDP led by Massoud Barzani which invited in government forces to help to bring to an end the PUK's control of the city of Arbil. which once served as the capital of an Iraqi Kurdish administration

sel up by the two parties. headquarters in Salahuddin Andrew Finkel, outside Arbil in northern Iraq, watches Iraqi troops dig in, apparently preparing for a long stay in what was once a Saddam-free zone

the PUK of siding with Iran to destroy his followers. He also accused the rest of the world of standing idly by. While he may have been forced to call for Saddam's help, he appeared unrepentant about his choice. Mr Barzani described the lifting of what he described as a PUK-Iranian threat as a "great achievement" by the Iraqi Government. "A great barrier has been lifted be-tween Iraq and us," he said.

Yet many now question whether Mr Barzani possesses a spoon long enough to sup with the Iraqi leader. As far as one can tell. Saddam's troops have left Arbil. Although the troops now digging into the countryside beyond the city appear to be regular soldiers rather than members of the Republican Guard, nobody doubts the ability of the Iraqis to return to the city if they wish



For now the Iraqi artillary is pointing the other way, towards the front lines of the PUK, further down the highway. There are no armoured vehicles here, just a few buses and battered coaches to ferry the peshmergas (fighters) to their positions. They are commanded by Kosrev Rasul Ali, who was until last Saturday's attack on Arbil the prime minister of a Kurdish parlia-ment. His office in the parliament building has been destroyed by Iraqi artillary. He now wears the baggy

battle fatigues of a fighter. According to the leader of the Kurdish parliament, the KDP launched dawn attacks on Thursday at about five places around Koshtapa and were relying on the Iraqis to safeguard the rear position. His remarks were confirmed by the smoke of artillery fire rising from the surrounding

What the KDP intends is not clear. One explanation is that they are trying to maintain pressure on the PUK if only to persuade them to restore electricity to Arbil. The absence of power also means it is impossible to pump water to a city with an estimated population of 700,000 persons. The generstations are near Sulaimaniya at Lake Dukan and are under PUK control.



Members of Massoud Barzani's KDP stand armed in their trenches near Sulaimaniya

The main reason for the absence of electricity is damage to power lines during last Saturday's fighting in the city. The United Nations has been brokering co-operation between Kurds on both sides. Jalal Talabani, the leader of suspicion among local aid under Iraqi bombardment.

the PUK, pledged during art workers that Mr Talabani interview in his mountain headquarters at Kale Chawalan above Sulaimaniya, that he would do his best to restore electricity "to our reports, denied by UN offici-people". There is still some als, that the city had come

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such a powerful posicion. Life inside Sulaimaniya appeared to be calm, desi als, that the city had come

bid for UN unity against Saddam

IN NEW YORK AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN last night abandoned its effort to get the United Nations Security Council to criticise traq. after determined opposition from

The British decision, after three days of negotiation, marked the collapse of unity in the 15-nation council on the protection of the Kurds in northern Iraq and was a diplomatic humiliation for the

British delegation. "Consideration of a resolution on Iraq has ceased because the British have said. while their text remains on the table, that they have ceased consultation on it." said Madeleine Albright, Washing-

ton's UN Ambassador. The original British draft. tabled on Tuesday, con-demned Iraq and demanded that its troops returned to the positions they held on August 15, before the assault. Russia strongly criticised the British proposal and presented its own draft that included an implicit criticism of America for launching missile attacks without UN approval.

Britain flirted with the idea of forcing a vote on its resolution, and tabled it briefly yesterday before withdrawing it and abandoning its attempt. The proposal was also being resisted by France and China, both of which are also vetobearing permanent members of the Security Council.

America, meanwhile, maintaining its capability to renew airstrikes against President Saddam Hussein, claimed yesterday that he was withdrawing most troops from northern Iraq but had left

DIPLOMACY behind a vast network of spies and secret agents to police the Kurdish enclaves.

US intelligence reported that the majority of troops, tanks and armoured person nel carriers the Iraqi leader had sent to Arbil were returning to the south, although some infantry units remained behind, Officials in the State Department said Saddam had left "a massive security presence", thought to be big enough to terrorise any oppo-

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sition in the region. "He did not simply vanish into the night in a benign fashion, leaving nothing behind," said Glyn Davies, of the State Department, "Saddam Hussein's footprint remains very much indelibly placed over that region of

northern Iraq." William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said that while intelligence reports showed a movement back to barracks by Iraqi forces, some infantry remained in Arbil. Iraq has so far respected the expanded nofly zone across the southern half of the country and the Pentagon said nearly all Iraqi aircraft had been pulled out of the area between the 32nd and 33rd parallels.

American officials said a failure to remove all Iraqi forces from northern Iraq would not provoke further attacks despite reports from at least one Kurdish group that Iraqi saldiers were involved in factional fighting. "We're re-serving the right to go back again if we need to." Mr Perry said. That will depend very much on the Iraqi reaction. If they threaten our airplanes, then they will be inviting additional problems."





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Netanyahu threatens to sack Likud hardliners

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

Yediot Ahronot, 82 per cent of

those questioned described the

Netanyahu-Arafai meeting as

"the correct thing to do" and

only 15 per cent were opposed. The Israeli media concluded

that for the moment, Mr

Netanyahu retained the sup-port of the majority of the Likud leadership, despite the bitter attacks on him from the far Right. Commentators re-ferred to his new internal

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opposition as "the Likud

intifada" an allusion to the

Palestinian uprising against Israel in the late 1980s and

In addition to the minority

of ministers who claim that he

should never have shaken the hand of Mr Arafat, Mr Netanyahu also faced criti-

cism from Uzi Landau, head

of the Knesset's foreign affairs

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early 1990s.

ON THE eve of his second visit to Washington as Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has declared war on those within his Likud Party who oppose continuing peace moves with the Palestinians and warned ministers criticised his meeting with Yassir Arafai that they must support him or face

In a masterly display of the political pragmatism for which he is becoming renowned, Mr Netanyahu weathered unprecedented far Right criticism at the first meeting of the 2,000-strong Likud Central Committee on Thursday night. In battles for peace, as in banles in war. there is only one commander," he told delegates only 24 hours after the handshake with Mr Arafat, the Palestinian leader, which a loud minority of them

Amid shouts of "traitor" previously levelled at Shimon Peres, the defeated Labour Prime Minister, and one heckler who demanded whether after the meeting with Mr

Arafat the Prime Minister had washed his hands with soap". Mr Netanyahu stood by his decision to continue cautiously along the peace road mapped out by the 1993 treaty signed in Washington. "On the principles of contin-

uing this [peace] process ac-cording to our understanding and in the way we are steering it, all Cabinet ministers will have to accept it, or they will not be ministers." Mr Netanyahu, Israel's first directly-elected Prime Minister, told Israel Television.

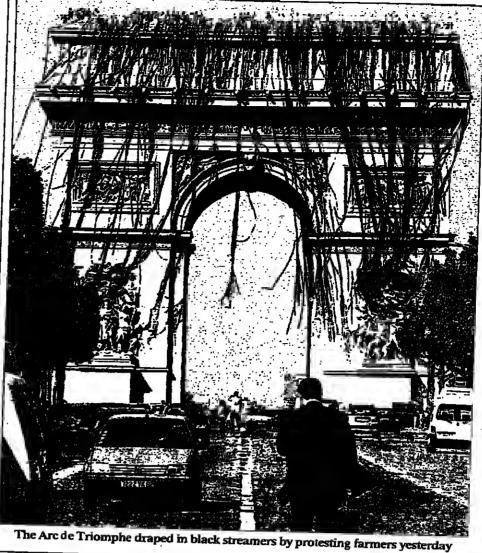
His remarks were directed primarily against the two main Cabinet opponents of his peace policy: Ariel Sharon, former Defence Minister, and Benny Begin, son of Menachem Begin, the former Likud Prime Minister. Both attended yesterday's Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem and it is considered that they will in future mute their criticism.

Mr Netanyahu, who is due to meet President Clinton early next week, yesterday won overwhelming support from the Israeli public for his

decision to overcome former and defence committee. He reluctance and to sit down said in reference to the May with Mr Arafat, a man Mr election which brought Mr Sharon and other leading Netanyahu, 46, to power: "The Likud figures still refer to as a chairman of the Likud won. "war criminal" and "a the Likud has been defeated." During Thursday's heated According to a poll published in the Tel Aviv daily

Likud convention, which was in marked contrast to the previous gathering when Mr Netanyahu was hailed as the Right's poliocal saviour, tempers flared, there were scuffles and cries of "resign" from extreme rightwingers. The biggest cheer of the night was reserved for Mr Sharon, who bludgeoned his way to a Cabinet place as Minister of Infrastructure despite reluc-tance by Mr Netanyaho to accommodate him.

"Bibi [Netanyahu] has be-trayed," said Amram Cohavi, a veteran Likud mentber. He was shouted down by another man, who said he was wounded in the 1973 Yom Kippur war, when Israel was caught unaware by Arab forces. I have five children ... I want them to enjoy peace and that is why Bibi had to meet Arafat,"



Grain farmers march on Paris

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

FRENCH farmers draped black streamers from the Arc de Triomphe in Paris yesterday to profest against Euro-pean Union plans to cut agriculture subsidies.

The protesters, who said the gesture symbolised a country whose "agriculture is in mourning", placed a wreath made of wheat at the foot of the monument in honour of the unknown farmer, in danger of dying for France".

About 300 cereal farmers

took part in the protest against plans to cut grain subsidies to help to finance a reform of the beef industry after the BSE crisis. The proposals are to be discussed by EU agriculture ministers in Brussels on September 16 and 17.

The farmers estimate that their income will fall by 20 per cent if the EU plans are adopted. Farmers' leaders said that they believe the "mad cow" crisis was "only a pretext invented by the Commission in order to lower the aid to grain farmers".

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Colombia leader faces call to resign

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT SAMPER of Colombia yesterday faced the most serious challenge in months after his deputy demanded that he resign to save the country from descending into "total chaos".

Humberto de la Calle, made the ilemand in a speech to congressmen which he then repeated in a note to President Samper. Señor de la Calle said he was prepared to offer his own resignation because it was imperative to form a new government with credibility". Señor Samper was quick to

reply, saying his resignation would leave the country in limbo. He had no intection of leaving office before the end of his four-year mandate, which began in 1994.

Colombia's political crisis was triggered earlier this year when Senor Samper was accused of accepting \$6 million (£3.8 million) from the Cali drugs cartel to help fund his election campaign. The President was cleared by a Congressional Commission which concluded that it was possible thai Señor Samper was unaware that drugs money had reached his campaign.

disillusion with the secessionist war, giving India its greatest opportunity to restore a

almost back to normal: people remain on the streets of Srinagar, the capital, until dark, and this year's wedding sea-son is in full spate with noisy cn scenes wor

stations at gunpoint.

Indians gamble

The separatist gunmen seem to be hated. They are accused of rape, looting and extortion: the same accusations that discredited the Punjabi separatist movement and led to its collapse after a decade of violence.

Kashmir

state elections in nine years today in a high-risk bid for There are signs of popular

measure of normal life since the eruption of violence in Parts of the largely Muslim Kashmir Valley already seem

been inconceivable.

on poll in FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SRINAGAR KASHMIR holds its first

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Court ruling stalls post-apartheid constitutional law

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICA'S Constitusections of the post-apartheid Constitution in a move which could open the way for a new round of wrangling over its Judge Arthur Chaskalson.

the court president, hailed the Constitution, passed by parliament earlier this year after two years of tough negotiations. 140-page document did not accord with all 34 constitutional principles laid out in the interim law drafted during multiparty apartheid. talks to end

The court's ruling amounted to a rejection of certain complex compromises reached between the African National Congress, the National Party and other groups that have provided for a unitary

In May the Constitutional Assembly, comprising both Houses of Parliament, adopted the new Constitution which, in the words of its chief negotialor, was "the birth certificate" of the rainbow nation. Approval was secured only after a last-minute agreement between the ANC and the former ruling National Party on key education, labour and property clauses.

F. W. de Klerk, the National Party leader, told parliament he was dissatisfied with aspects of the final draft and his support was motivated partly by the fact that a "no" vote would have forced the country

into a damaging referendum. The court rejected the proposed blueprint for permanent democracy in South Africa because it found fault with the reduction of provincial powers, the failure to entrench agreed fundamental rights and lack of protection for human rights watchdogs, including a public protector and auditor-general.

This means negotiators will have to look again at the legislative and fiscal autonomy of South Africa's nine provinces which provided a main sticking point during the two years of talks.

Last night, President Mandela's office welcomed the court ruling and said he did not anticipate any undue The ANC, National Party

and Democratic Party pledged yesterday to renegotiate only the provisions rejected by the Constitutional Court. The Inkatha Freedom Party said it would comment after its national council had studied the ruling in detail. Legal experts are confident

that the problems are technical rather than fundamental, but there is no guarantee that political agendas will not creep back into the negotiations. No final agreement after three months raises the prospect of a referendum.

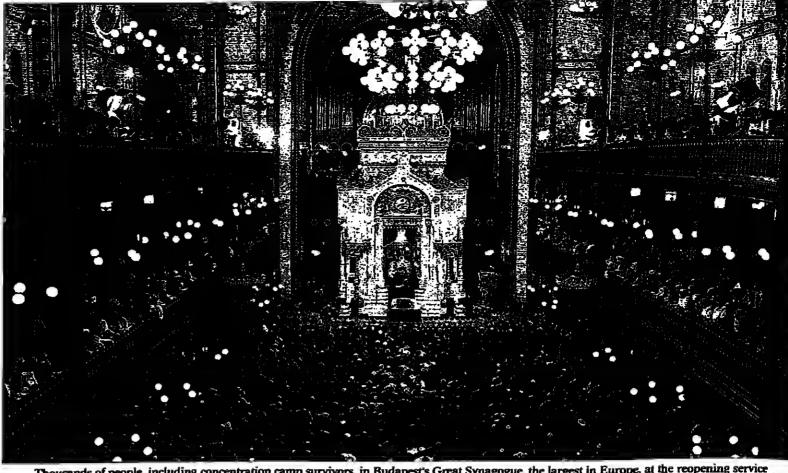
A row over provincial pow-ers led Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's federalist Inkatha Freedom Party to walk out of talks last year and yesterday's

nity for the Inkatha to return to the negotiating table. Observers believe that if the views of the staunchly federalist Inkatha can be incorporated it will underpin the legitimacy and credibility of the final Constitution.

The court threw out the constitution for Kwa-Zulu/Natal province, controlled by Inkatha, saying that it gave powers to the provin-cial legislature above and beyond those allotted in the interim constitution. It also rejected an attempt to make the provision of a Labour Relations Act, which redefined labour law after the transition to democracy.

The ruling affects a trade-off between business and labour in which they had agreed that the Labour Act would protect employers' rights to lock-out and the new Constitution would protect workers' right to strike. During negotiations the National Party reluctantly accepted a labour relations clause that failed to guarantee the rights of business and industry to protect themselves from strikes by locking out

□ No death penalty: Mr Mandela has ruled out the death penalty in South Africa despite growing calls for it to be brought back as part of efforts to deal with soaring crime rates, Mr Mandela's view was announced by Desmond Tutu, the Anglican Archbishop. (AFP)



Thousands of people, including concentration camp survivors, in Budapest's Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe, at the reopening service

Tears of joy as Budapest synagogue reopens

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUDAPEST

MORE than 50 years after the Holocaust that cost the lives of 600,000 Hungarian Jews, the sound of the shofar (ram's born) resounded across Budapest's Great Synagogue in a celebration of the reopening of Europe's biggest Jewish prayer bouse.

But for Hungary's 100,000stroog Jewisb community, the biggest in Eastern Europe, the shofar heralded more than the restoration of the coun-

try's most important synagogue. The ceremony, oo Thursday evening, was an affirmation of the rebirth of Jewish culture in Hungary, and a statement that the country's Jewish community is slowly reboilding after the terrors of Nazism and the oppression of communism.

Seven thousand people. including concentration camp survivors, President Gonez of Hoogary, Yitzhak Shamir, the former Israeli Prime Minister, Christian priests and thousands of Jews, jammed

into the 19th-century building. "It's wonderful. This happens only once in a person's lifetime," said Kalman Veszi, 72, a labour camp survivor. Tears streamed down his face as he stood in the synagogue for the 2½-hour service. "Something unexpected and extraordinary has happened."

"Now Hungarian Jews have their own important historical monument in the heart of the city, and they no longer have to feel like sec-Baruch Oberlander, of the Lubavitch movement, "It is a symbol of the revival of Jewish culture and a focal point for Jewish life, and it is happening together with the Jewish schools that are teaching both children and adults about their heritage."

The revival of Jewish culture is being spearheaded by the young, who do not share their parents' legacy of fear about public displays of their heritage. Just a few years ago. to wear a Star of David in public would have been a brave gesture. Now it is a common sight to see young Jews wearing Hebrew-language T-shirts and skoll cans across the city's nightspots and crowding the courtyard of the Great Synagogue on Friday nights after Sabhath

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The 137-year-old synagogue, which was on the edge of the Jewish ghetto under the Nazis, was hit by 27 bombs during the Second World War. Rebuilding has cost 135 billion forints (£5.7 million) 80 per cent of it donated by the Hungarian Government.

Rommel piano up for auction in Israel

workers.

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

AUCTIONEERS in Israel are hoping that a legendary piano, retrieved by British soldiers after the defeat of Rommel, will fetch at least £400,000 today.

The Siena plano was designed by Sebastiano Marchisio, an Italian master harpsichord maker, and completed by his grandsons in 1825, after his death. They discovered that Marchisio had invented a unique instrument which sounded like something between a harpsichord and a piano and had taken the secret with him

to the grave. According to legend, the sounding board was made from the pillars of a collapsed church, which had been built from wood taken from Solomon's temple in Jerusalem.

The piano turned up in El Alamein during the Second World War, where it had apparently been taken to entertain German troops. British soldiers found the piano encased in plaster to protect its intricate wood carvings, including cherubs, gargoyles, birds and animals.

It was shipped to Palestine, where it was stored in a warehouse before being sold for £3 to Avner Carmi, a piano tuoer.

After being restored, the piano attracted the attentions of Artur Rubinstein and Leonard Bernstein, who reportedly marvelled at its sound.

After his death, Carmi's three daughters are selling the piano. One of them, Zamira Borochovitch, said her father was obsessed with the instrument. "Any money he had went to the care and cleaning of it," she said.

☐ Tirana: The Albanian Parliament has ratified an agreement for the return of \$18 million of gold looted by the Nazis and held since the Second World War in Brîtain. (Reuter)

School blast kills woman

Lisboo: A woman was killed and five people were injured. three of them seriously, in an explosion yesterday at a pri-mary school in central Portugal. Officials in Fundão, 125 miles northeast of here, said the blast appeared to have been caused by a bomb. Jose Soares, a town councillor, said that the explosion had caused extensive damage to the ground floor of the

AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER

Dubrovnik rocked by quake

By EVE-ANN PRENTICE

AN EARTHQUAKE left at least one town badly damaged and caused tremors felt from Dubrovnik in Croatia to Sarajevo and Mostar în Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The earthquake was centred near the coastal town of Ston. about 25 miles north of Dubrovnik, and last night residents were facing a second night sleeping outside after many of the town's buildings

were destroyed on Thursday

There were aftershocks throughout the region yesterday. In Dubrovník, which is trying to rebuild its reputation as a tourist centre, a spokeswoman for the United Nations said: "People are very imeasy; there was no panic but strong tremors were felt."

Rock slides closed the main road between Ston and Dubrovnik, but there were no reports of significant damage in Dubrovnik, known as "the Pearl of the Adriatic". The tremor measured 6.0 on the Richter scale and initial reports indicated that about 80 per cent of the stone houses in the medieval centre of Ston

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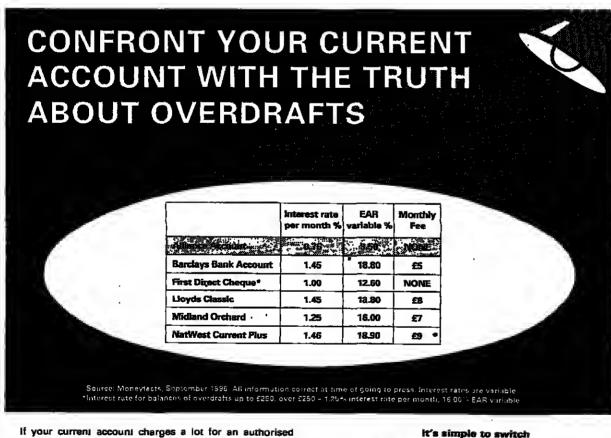
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From Martin Fletcher in Washington

DICK MORRIS, Bill Clinton's disgraced political guru, was hit by a second sex scandal yesterday, but his downfall appears to have inflicted little political damage on the Presi-dent, and Bob Dole's campaign was the one in patent

Three new polls showed the 73-year-old Republican trailing by between 14 and 17 points with just 61 days left. and in desperation he replaced his two senior media strategists with a team renowned for hard-hitting negative advertisements.

Mr Morris, who engineered Mr Clinton's political revival and orchestrated his "lamily value" crusade, resigned on the eve of the President's Democratic convention speech last Thursday after tabloid reports that he had a steamy year-long affair with a prosti-tute. The same tabloids yesterday revealed that Mr Morris, a married man, had also been having a 15-year affair with Barbara Plafflin. 40, a Texan by whom he has a six-year-old daughter. "New Dick Morris Bombshell: The Other, Other Woman" proclaimed the front-page headline in the New

Mr Morris reportedly met Ms Pfafflin while working on a political campaign in Texas

exclusive Jefferson Hotel where he stayed while advising the President

Mr Morris has refused to comment on any of the tabloid reports and appears utterly unashamed. He has signed a \$2 million (£1.28 million) book deal with the New York publishers, Random House, and has reportedly approached CBS Television about working

in seven years.

Carolina senator, beat off a

strong black challenger in 1990. Paul Manafort, the con-

sultant who organised last month's Republican conven-tion, is being bought in to co-ordinate the overall message.

One problem has been that

neither Mr Sipple nor Mr Murphy had faith in Mr

Dole's tax-cutting plan. But whether the new team can

produce a coherent new adver-

tising strategy in the little time

left is questionable.

as an election consultant.
White House officials are angry about the book, and worried it will embarrass the President, but more than 80 per cent of respondents in yesterday's Washington Post and New York Times polls said that their opinion of Mr Clinton was unaffected by Mr Morris's resignation.

This week's Iraqi crisis has helped divert attention and the two polls registered 69 per cent and 76 per cent approval of Mr Clinton's decision to order missile strikes. But the really alarming figures for Mr Dole were those showing surging economic optimism.

His campaign's centrepiece is his promise of huge tax cuts to stimulate economic growth. but such a radical change in policy has little appeal when 72 per cent believe that the economy is good - the highest figure since 1988 - and by 2-1 Americans feel better off than and she, like the prostitute, when Mr Clinton took office, visited him in Washington's Mr Dole was grounded by

Hurricane Fran yesterday, but Mr Clinton campaigned in Florida, a state no Democrat has won in 20 years, and was able to announce America's lowest unemployment figures Mr Dole replaced Mike Murphy and Don Sipple with an aggressive new three-man media team headed by Alex Castellanos, a veteran best known for an infamous racebairing advertisement that helped Jesse Helms, the North

Onlookers pass debris left by the hurricane at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina

Eleven killed as **Hurricane Fran** hits Carolinas

By Quentin Letts

AT LEAST 11 people were were left in tatters after Hurricane Fran ripped through North and South Carolina. Severe flooding was report-

ed in low-lying areas after storm surges accompanied the 115mph winds. The hurricane hit land at Cape Fear. North Carolina, and residents who ignored evacuation orders suffered a terrifying experience. Pleasure boats, picked up by the gusts, flew through the air. Mature trees snapped like toothpicks, and tornados spawned by the hurricane tore down electricity

Church steeples in Myrtle Beach and Wilmington were toppled, hotels lost their roofs, and in Kenansville, North Carolina, an 80-year-old courthouse dome was ripped away and was transformed briefly into a flying saucer. Overhead traffic lights bounced from their wires like yo-yos and the electricity supply to almost a million homes

Most of those killed were motorists, people either trying to drive away from the ap proaching storm or tough talking locals who though they could sit out the burricane despite repeated warnings. Cars were struck by falling trees, and in one incident in Durham County a motorist and fireman were killed when a bough hit a fire engine. Homeowners and holidaymakers took shelter in town halls and Red Cross

Although the hurricane was yesterday downgraded to a tropical storm, flooding became a severe problem. The 12ft storm surges were fol-lowed by up to 15 in of rain. and many coastal areas, already soaked from 17 in of rain earlier this week, were

The hurricane diminished as it careered inland, but vesterday the remnants of the storm headed north towards Washington. Virginia was posted on tropical storm watch. Fran is the third hurricane of the summer, and the next is already gathering force 500 miles east of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean.

US fears bomber trial reprisals

. FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE State Department has possible there will be future warned expatriate Americans to be on their guard after the conviction of three Muslim militants of plotting a series of bombings on airliners bound for the United States.

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There were also fears of a retaliatory strike on American soil by allies of Ramzi Yousef and his two co-defendants.

Given the conviction, the State Department advises Americans travelling abroad that the potential exists for retaliation by Yousel's sym-pathisers against American interests," an official statement said. "While we have no specific threat information, American citizens travelling abroad should pay close attention to their personal security practices in light of the

potential threat." A further warning came from James Derian, a professor of international relations at the University of Massachusens, who said: "It is acts of terrorism to, in some way, liberate or avenge,"

Rabbi Marvin Hier, an authority on terrorist matters. added: "If Yousef had many students, they will be thinking. How can we cause great havoc against the evil monster out there called the United States of America?"."

James Kallstrom, head of the FBI in New York, called Yousef and his colleagues "cowardly scum". Mr Kall-strom is leading the investigation into this summer's crash of TWA Flight 800, which looks increasingly to have been the result of a bomb.

Supporters of Yousef argued that the TWA crash had made the jury at the Manhattan District Court sympathetic to the arguments of the prosecution. Yousef and his codefendants are due to be sentenced on December 5. They are likely to be jailed for



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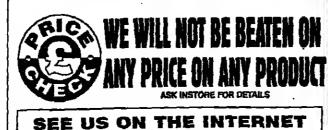
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THE intellectual and political capital of the Arab world today is London. Two thousand miles from the Middle East, London plays a vital role in the lives of more than 100 million people, surpassing Paris in its heyday.

London is now the publishing centre for leading Arabic newspapers and magazines. the meeting place for political movements, the magnet for dissidents and exiles and. increasingly, the centre for Arab banking, investment, and, more dubiously, arms

dealing.
Summer always draws attention to the Arab presence. An estimated one million visitors came this summer. for the shopping, the climate, the language — English being now a lingua franca in the

ARAB cuisine has long moved beyond the

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by MICHAEL BINYON Middle East - and the connections. With Cyprus too small, Lebanon too devastated and France increasingly

ARAB LONDON

gossip, trade, plot and have fun. Parts of Bayswater smell. sound and look like a Middle Eastern souk. No wonder they call it Beirut-on-Thames. But the core of London's

attraction remains its com-

munications industry. At the

Home cooking for the homesick

hostile to Muslim communi-

choice where Arabs can meet,

last count there were around 50 Arabic papers and magazines based here. London was the haven for committed editors when the civil war destroyed Beirut, and has never ties. London is now the city of looked back. It is the home city of two of the Arab world's main papers: ol-Havat and ol-Sharq al-Awsot. Both are highly professional, with large staffs, satellite printing and competitive distribution in Arab capitals.

Both are Saudi-owned, part

ghonouzh. Lebanese chefs are the acknowl-

edged experts, and London now has a proliferation of Arab restourants. Like ony

ethnic cuisine, they cater often for homesick exiles and visitors from the Middle East. But

increasingly they are winning the hearts ond

of the growing concentration of media in Saudi hands following the breakdown of the old tradition of press funding by political groups. Al-Shara al-Awsat is the more pious, conservative paper; al-Hoyat is livelier, more daring and appeals to younger readers with its scoops on the Algerian civil war and interviews with Arab rulers.

The new factor is television. Here the star is again Saudi-owned. Middle East Broadcasting Centre (MBC), which was founded in 1991, has just relocated to swish new studios in Battersea, opened by John Major last year. Its mixture of news, fashion, sport, music and film looks like the successful BBC formula, although the BBC's own attempt at an Arabic television service came to a sticky end this spring when the Saudi satellite owner pulled the plug after a row.

MBC, beamed to hungry dishes all over the Middle East, may be as influential as Nasser's "Voice of the Arabs" used to be: but its tone is less strident, its presenters more



Fatima bin Hoho, one of MBC's leading news presenters

Extremists thrive on free speech

DESPITE the Government's crackdown on asylum-seekers, John Major's insisteoce that he will not allow Britain to be a base for terrorism and the efforts of M15 to increase surveillance of extremist leaders, the capital is still one of the best centres for Arab political and religious opposition groups.

There is quick access to Arabic and English media, a tradition of political literature and dissent, a flow of Middle East politicians and a 1.5 million-strong British community of Muslims. Above all there is little restriction on political

activity.

There are dozens of groups, and most would have been represented at tomorrow's aborted London Islamic rally. Many attract little attention but the high-profile groups are those with a fundamentalist Islamist agenda who denounce Muslim governments ac-cused of betraying Islam. Among them are the Muslim Brotherhood, which has just set up an information centre in Britain, an Nahda, a banned Tunisian party, Muhammad al-Masari's Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights which denounces the Saudi Royal Family. and the National Council of Resistance of Iran, an Iranian Mujahidin opposition group.

Black beauty stirs racist row in Italy FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Miss Italy beauty contest was marred yesterday by a controversy over whether a black contestant, Denny Mendez, should be excluded because she is "not a typical Mediterranean type".

One of the judges, the

fashion photographer Bob Krieger, was expelled from the jury for saying on television in front of an audience of eight and a half million that "a black girl cannot possibly represent Italy, because the women of this country all have white skins". To elect a black Miss Italy, he said, would be "a gift to those who want to prove that we are caving in to non-European immigrants, and who want to split Italy in

Mr Krieger's outburst re-



Mendez says Italians are "a little bit racist"

duced Signora Mendez to tears and caused uproar at the contest in the northern spa town of Salsomaggiore, in Emilia Romagna. It has touched a nerve at a time when fears of a north-south split are rising. The separatist Northern League, led by Umberto Bossi, is planning a "declaration of independence" in Venice next week.

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The league has made an issue of growing racial and social tensions arising from increased immigration into Italy, especially from North Africa. Signor Bossi has warned that the south of Italy increasingly resembles "the Islamic developing countries of the Maghreb".

Signora Mendez, 19, was born in the Dominican Repub-lic but acquired Italian nationality four years ago after she moved to Italy with her mother, who married an Italian. She has been dubbed "the black gazelle of Santo Domin

go" by the Italian press. Ezio Mirigliani, who runs the contest, said there was "no place for discrimination or racism" in it, and Signora Mendez would take part in the final tonight. Signora Mendez. who speaks fluent Italian, said she thought the Italians were a little bit racist. When they look at me. I can see they think l am not really one of them. But I consider myself to be a black [talian."

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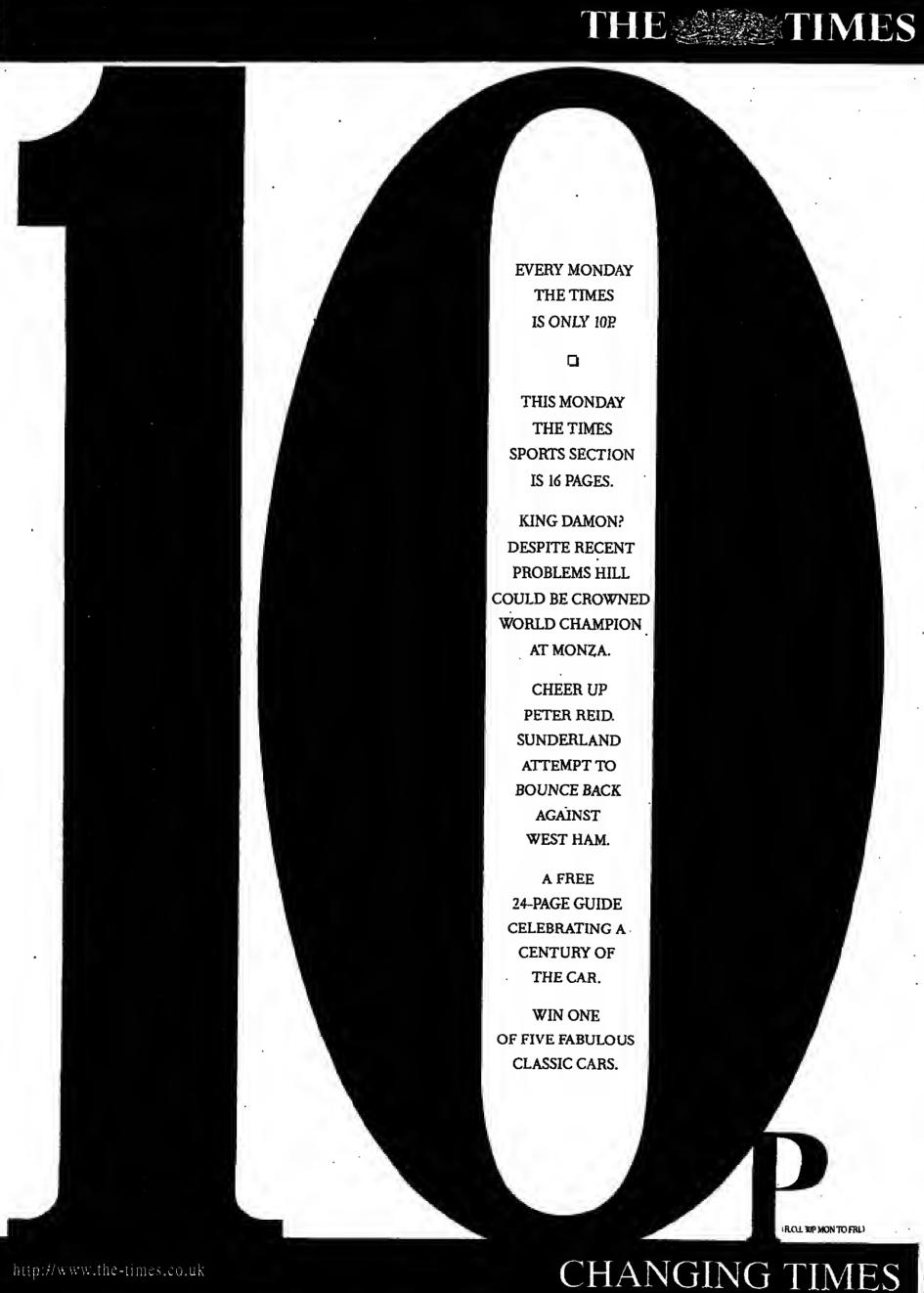
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'Physicians braced to cut into heart of Russian reform

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S senior medical fraternity was yesterday trying to establish whether President Yeltsin's decision to have openheart surgery was a blessing or a curse for their profession.

As the country's anention focused on the surgeons who could hold Russia's fate in their hands, doctors braced themselves for the long and difficult period ahead dealing with an extremely awkward patient. Outwardly, at least, doctors

attempted to assure Russians. and the rest of the world, that the bypass surgery planned for the President later this month would be routine and safe. They do a huge number of such operations and their results do not differ significantly from the West," said Mikhail Alshibaya, a surgeon at Moscow's Scientific Centre for Cardiovascular Surgery. The

difference is limited to the level of equipment and availability of medicines. But this does not

apply to the President." The

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Kremlin leader's welfare will be in the hands of Yevgeni Chazov, the head of Moscow's Cardiological Centre and one of the most experienced doctors in the country. He first came to public attention when it was revealed that he was responsible for keeping alive Leonid Brezhnev, the late Soviet leader, whose rule lasted far longer than anyone imagined was medically possible.

Dr Chazov said lası night that if the Russian leader chose to be operated on at his clinic. the procedure would be entrusted to Professor Renat Akchurin, the head of the heart department. In spite of the assurances, doctors were privately aware of the stakes involved in the operation and the catastrophic consequences if the operation fails.

To some extent they are in a no-win situation. If the surgery goes well, it will be recorded as one of thousands performed successfully in Russia every

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Weln bypasses blockage forming a new route for blood supply

year. If it goes badly they will be blamed for endangering Russian democracy and trig-gering a dangerous succession

Certainly they will be treating one of the most difficult patients in the country. After his first heart attack last summer President Yeltsin threw himself back into his job too quickly and suffered a second seizure in the autumn. Then he fought a gruelling and stress-ful presidential campaign over four months, which caused another relapse at the end of In addition to his erratic

behaviour, the Russian leader is also prone to extended drinking sessions, boots of depression and suffers from other ailments, particularly his bad back. President Yeltsin's doctors can, however, take some comfort from the historical precedent of stormy relations between Russian leaders and their physicians.
The failure of court doctors

to treat the ailing Crown Prince Aleksei led Tsarina Aleksandra to turn to Rasputin, the Siberian mystic and faith healer, whose influence over the royal family contributed to its eventual downfall.

Under Soviet rule the situation scarcely improved and in one particularly notorious episode the entire medical profession was threatened with persecution under Stalin's infamous "Doctors' Plot", when a group of doctors, mainly of Jewish origin, were accused plotting to "wipe out the leading cadres of the USSR".

The purge never took place because Stalin suffered a stroke soon afterwards and died, some suspect because doctors were too frightened to treat him or deliberately let

Last year President Yeltsin fired one of his physicians. apparently for being too insistent about the need for the Russian leader to change his unhealthy and stressful

Three-way route to recovery

starved of oxygen.

Without the operation

to supply the heart muscle with sufficient

Yeltsin is to have a triple heart bypass operation indicates how extensive the coronary arterial disease is and how many of the arteries were identified as being blocked when they were X-rayed by angiography.

Although to the lay person h sounds particularly sinister when the operation is described as a double or triple nypass, it would be expected that a man of Mr Yeltsin's age. build and lifestyle would require a multiple bypass. It is unlikely that Mr Yeltsin would have single coronary arterial disease requiring surgery rather than the more usual treatment by angio plasty. This is the technique of expanding a balloon inserted into a coronary artery so that it flattens any obstruction against the arterial wall.

ln a bypass operation, a length of vein is cut from the leg, or the internal mammary artery is taken from within the chest wall and grafted on to

the aorta before being attached to the coronary arterial tree below the obstruction. In this way, the vein provides an effective bypass.

The operation is a long one. asually taking four or five hours. For much of this time the patient's life is maintained by a heart-luog machine, since the heart has been stopped and has to be restarted.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



Booked: As part of a Russian government crackdown on tax evasion, officers of Moscow's tax police yesterday arrest employees of a company that had refused to show its financial accounts to the revenue authorities

US eases pressure on Yeltsin over Nato

FROM ROGER BOYES

AMERICA is stretching out the calendar on Nato's eastward enlargment to ease the pressure on President Yeltsin as he fights not only to regain his health but also to keep his grip on power. That message emerged

after talks yesterday between Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. Herr Kohl is due to meet Mr Yeltsin today in his dacha outside. Moscow in part to determine how the physical condition of the Russian leader is affecting his position in the Kremlin.

Mr Christopher made plain, during the talks and in a Stuttgart speech, that neither America nor Nato was willing to accept a Russian veto on eastward enlargement. Nor was Washington ready to make the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe the main security vehicle for the continent — a long-standing wish of the Russians, Nato. he said, would remain "the

central pillar of our security

engagemeni".

But Mr Christopher. whose speech was supposed to set out the European view of security arrangements in the coming century, avoided detail when it came to discussing eastward enlargement. A Nato summit, he said, would be held next year to determine the first new entrants to the alliance. But the Germans had been pressing for a firm timetable and favour a summit as early as March, in which Poles, Czechs and the Hungarians



Christopher: Russian veto not acceptable

will be named as the most favoured candidates.

Officials close to Mr Christopher seemed to suggest yesterday that this summit would be held in the summer at the earliest. The reason for this disagreement between Bonn and Washington is the American concern about the condition of Mr Yeltsin.

Nato enlargement could be seriously harmed if it became part of a struggle for the Kremlin succession. The formal announcement that Poland will join Nato is expected to pump up the rhetoric not only of Russian Communists and nationalists but also give ammunition to General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security

The American idea seems to be that a special "Charter for Russia" should be worked out in advance of the nomination of Nato candidates. At the same time, Mr Christopher said: "Ukraine should not be neglected and should be encouraged to stick to a pro-Western course." This comment may have been inserted late into the speech, after his talks with Herr Kohl who has just returned from a visit to

World leaders who kept tradition of medical secrecy

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

IN THE past the question of the American President's health was so closely guarded that often only a private physician was privy to his medical history. When the Stock Exchange

collapsed in 1893, for exam-ple, Grover Cleveland, the American President diag-nosed with cancer of the mouth, ordered that he be operated upon in the secrecy of a private yacht. Not even the Vice-President was informed of the surgery, which large parts of Mr Cleveland's

The political concerns of revealing details about the health of the American leader persisted until the 1960s. Woodrow Wilson, who suf-fered a stroke while in office and was incapacitated for four months, revealed only scant details of his crippling iliness.

Franklin Roosevelt, in addition to polio. had dangerously high blood pressure and, on being sworn in for a record fourth time in 1945, was already suffering from severe heart disease. He died three months later. John F. Kennedy hid from

his closest aides a condition known as Addison's disease, a failure of the adrenal glands, which he felt might have affected his election chances against Richard Nixon in

It is not just American presidents who have shown reluctance to reveal their state of health. François Mitterrand, the former French President, underwent three operations and chemotherapy for the prostate cancer which finally killed him, aged 79, on January 8 this year. His

cancer became a focal point

for controversy when his for-mer personal doctor. Or Claude Gubler, revealed shortly after his death that the former President had known about his illness since 1981 and had ordered that it be kept a state secret for II years.

In America, however, since Lyndon Johnson proudly raised his shirt to display the scar from a gall bladder operation, even the timest of ailments have become a matter of both public interest and intense speculation.

Long tracts were devoted to Ronald Reagan's battle to beat colon cancer and his operation at Bethesda Naval Hospital was chronicled in loving de-tail, hour by hour, with vivid graphics displayed for the television cameras. This week, a cyst was re-moved from President Clin-

ton's neck in an operation that lasted about t5 minutes. The White House offered a full description of the operation but, despite repeated calls from Republicans, has refused to release Mr Clinton's medical records.

Just before an election, per-haps the American President has reverted to the secret antics of so many of his predecessors.

WORLD SUMMARY

Mother Teresa out of clinic

Delhi: Mother Teresa, 86, defied her doctors yesterday and checked out of Woodlands Nursing Home in Calcuna after being treated for heart problems, pneumonia, fever and malaria (Christopher Thomas writes). She was ordered to take a long rest before resuming work for the Missionaries of Charity Order she founded six decades ago. She thanked doctors as she

left, leaving them astounded by her recovery. "May God bless you," she said. Dr G. K. Sen, the clinic's medical director, said the six doctors looking after her had agreed that she could be discharged today but Mother Teresa in-sisted on leaving immediately.

Blazing sheep ship missing

Sydney: A blazing, abandoned ship with almost 70,000 live Australian sheep on board has gone missing somewhere in the Seychelles area of the Indian Ocean, officials said. The vessel and its cargo —

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which prompted protests from animal welfare groups - had still had not been found hours after a rescue tug from the Gulf of Aden and a converted car carrier from Karachi reached the area where it had had been abandoned. (Reuter)

Molesters may be castrated

Singapore: Singapore may consider penalising child molesters with castration. Chief Justice Yong Pung How said in remarks published here.

The Straits Times said he spoke of castration when he threw out an appeal by an incorrigible sex offender who was sentenced to 20 years' preventive detention and 24 strokes of the cane for molesting five schoolboys. (AFP)

Sydney Games president quits

Sydocy: Businessman John Iliffe, 59, announced he had quit after only six months as Sydney 2000 Olympics president. hinting at differences with the organising committee. Michael Knight, the New South Wales Olympics Minister, said he would assume Mr lliffe's role, but with the ritle of chairman. (AFP)

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Hong Kong: A Chinese dim sum cook was jailed for life by a Hong Kong court for killing his boss and carving her up after claiming she had become too amorous, offering him money for sex. (Reuter)



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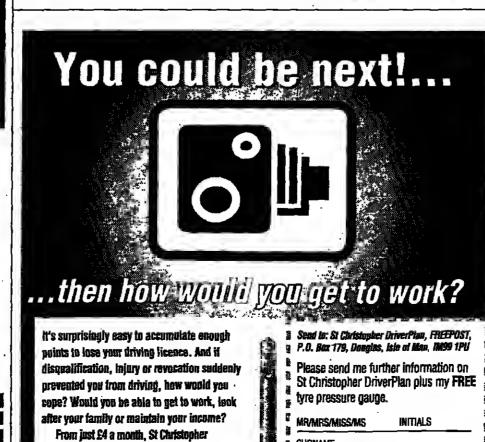
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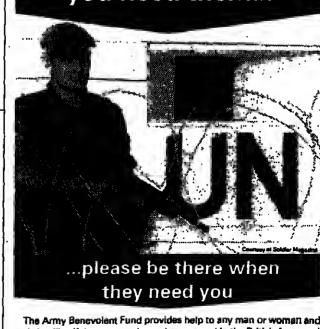
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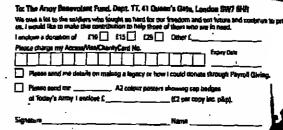
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Should Norman Foster's new mega-tower be allowed to overshadow the City's skyline?



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'I was a cliché — a starving artist in a cold garret,' says the painter James Hague



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ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney on a plan to build a 94-storey skyscraper in the City of London

Is this a tower too far?

pher Wren has an architect had such an eye for the main chance as Sir Norman Fosier. On Monday he will reveal a spectacular plan for the tallest building in Europe on the site of London's bomb-devastated Baltic Exchange — a 94-storey, thousand-foot skyscraper twice as high as the NatWest Tower - topping, no doubt to the chagrin of his German clients, the 984 feet of his Commerzbank lower now rising in Frankfurt.

Fosier has told the Royal Fine Art Commission that the earoposed tower will usher in a new era in the City, the first in a generation of very, very high form of a .5:1 plot ratio, huildings. This is

no slender pencil tower but a 6 It would building capable housing dominate 10.000 workers. with individual all of the floors of 30,000 square feet. Earcapital 9 sketches showed a kidney-shaped building

set back at different stages.
Paul Drury, head of English Heritage's London division, says: I personally feel li would dominate not only the City but the whole of London. pushing St Paul's aside in a does not, and become the image of the capital." This, of course, may be precisely what

the City Corporation wants. A serious debate is needed as to whether we want still higher buildings in London and, if so, where they should go. Some of the most beautiful and urbane capitals have eschewed high-rises altogether. Copenhagen and St Petersburg are the best examples, while the beauty of Paris owes much to the ban on tall buildings within a threekilometre radius of the Elysée Palace. Manhattan may be thrilling but Washington is beautiful precisely because of stringent height controls.

In London there was a standard 70ft cornice line until Harold Macmillan allowed the London Hilton to breach it. Then followed a rash of tall blocks which blight Hyde

Park to this day. The Square Mile had an extra level of control in the

allowing the equivalent of five times the ground area to be built on the site. What few realise is that the City suddenly abandoned plot ratio controls a few years ago. Now, in theory at least, the sky's the limit and Foster is

the first to exploit this fact. The City's volte face was prompted by competition from Canary Wharf and Docklands. It has opened the door to what the City planner Peter plant argument": if a major international corporation will bring its business your way, you level hills or flatten old buildings to meet its requirements.

The City did just this for Deutsche Bank when it decided to move its headquarters to



Sir Norman Foster's proposed tower would be twice the height of the skyscrapers that already dominate St Paul's

London. To provide the bank with a large enough "floor plate", it was allowed to bridge Great Winchester Street. There are also controls over

the views of the dome of St Paul's from the river or from Richmond Park, Hampstead and Highgate. But the Baltic Exchange site, as Foster spotted, is outside any of these protected viewing cones. It will be affected by new planning guidelines covering high buildings in London, which are expected shortly. These be subject to public

There is a case for seeking to demolish all tall buildings in central London doring the next 50 years, although now that tower blocks are candidates for listing, this seems an impossible goal. The debate is skewed by the fact that so far the capital lacks a single highrise building of star quality in world terms. The Slock Exchange Tower is demonically ugly and most of the others just lumpen or dumpy. The only one with real grace is the Commercial Union tower overlooking Leadenhall Street. Rogers's Lloyd's, awesome as it is, repels as many people as

The banks and finance houses which will occupy the new tall building want much, much larger floor areas on every level than exist, say, in NatWest Tower. To may be necessary to build far higher, as Foster has recognised, to \$0 to 90 storeys.

Also at stake is what remains of the traditional character of the Square Mile. Twenty years ago it was one of the most harmonious quarters in Europe, street after street of handsome, stone-built Victorian and Edwardian banking palaces. Today it has just 540 listed buildings, and these are under increasing threat.

Building higher might reduce the pressure and allow more old buildings to survive. The Rogers Partnership has achieved just this with its plans for Lloyd's Register on Fenchurch Street, keeping the opulent Edwardian corner building and adding a soaring transparent block behind. The creative way forward may be just this, thrilling new buildings in dramatic contrast with fine old ones. Precisely because the City is not on a grid plan like Manhattan, the possibilines for surprise and contrast are boundless.

It depends wholly on saying goodbye to hack commercial firms and bringing in the real talent. Britain has an abundance of good architects - but unless they get the work, the City's decline will continue.

Rising stars in the arts firmament JAMES HAGUE

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Age: 25 Profession: Painter

Dab hand: Hague's selfportrait won this year's BP Portrait Award competioon. His painting, with its subtle echoes of Cubism in the creased skin and its combination of raw flesh iones and sensitive brush work, is being compared to Lucien Freud and Stanley

Where to see his work: Until October 20, his selfportrait is hanging in the National Portrait Gallery with the other outstanding entries for this year's BP Portrait Award.

Hard to pin down: The artist himself is more elusive. After a chain of phone calls to Hague's friends whose solas, it seemed, he had always just vacated, I eventually caught him in Newcastle where he formerly studied Fine Arts.

Where has he come from? Hague, son of a fingerprint expert and a chiropodist, grew up in Derbyshire. Since are school he has been scraping a living in Paris, working by day as a pavement artist, copying classical masterpieces. By night, he painted portraits for himself. "I was a cliche," he declares. "A starving artist in a cold garret."

On his self-portrait (shown above): "It is about economics, the economics of paint," he elucidates. "There isn't very much paint in it because, literally, I hardly had any. People keep comparing it to Freud," he adds. "But at the time I was looking at medieval works."

On the state of the art: "There are a lot of people doing portrait painting now. The standard is very high. But much of it, though technically brilliant, is impersonal."

Ultimate ambition: "At the end of the day," he says, "I like to paint something I can sit in front of for a long time like a television. Hopefully, viewers can build a relationship with the person I painted even though they don't know them."

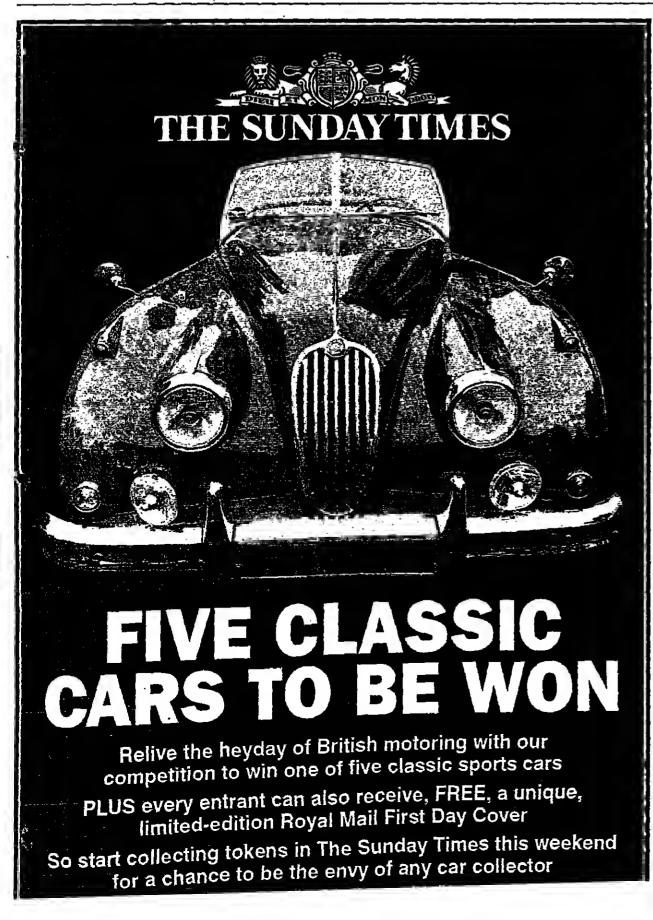
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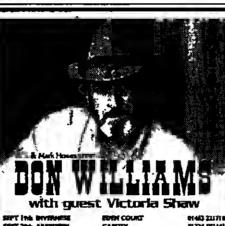
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ON MONDAY

Does Ben Elton's novel Popcorn, soon to be staged, fairly lampoon the ethics of Hollywood?

new concert hall! The very words brim with optinusm. do they not? The city that builds a new concert hall sends out clear signals. It is prosperous but enlightened. Respectful of cultural tradition but far-sighted. Bour-geois, certainly; but dynamic with it. And, of course, keen to flaum its musical heritage.

Manchester has much to flaunt-The Hallé Orchestra has been the city's proud ambassador for 140 years, and under the demanding Kent Nagano it is perhaps regaining the flair of 30 years ago, when the adored John Barbirolli was at the helm. The fine BBC Philhar-monic has its home in the city; so does the Manchester Camerata, the Royal Northern College of Music, excellent amaieur choirs. terrific brass bands, and one of the best university music faculties.

What Manchester lacked was a top-notch concert hall. But next Wednesday the £42 million Bridgewater Hall opens. First hooray: after a few early alarms it is finished on schedule and within

budget. How very different from London's ghastly chronicle of bun-

gled culture palaces: the ten-years-late Barbican Centre; the "whoops there goes another hundred million" British Library; and of course that disaster-in-waiting, the Opera House redevelopment. Second hooray: the hall

symbolises a born-again confi-

dence in the city. Sir Bob Scott's spirited dash for Olympic glory, though it ultimately failed to bring the wretched Games to Britain (thank heaven), did much to refocus Manchester's civic purpose. The revival of United's fortunes; the ascendancy of the city's pop groups; even Manches-ter's stoic determination to maintain business as normal in the devastating aftermath of the IRA bomb: all this has rekindled pride. The hall, with its uncompromising stainless-steel roof and massive

presence, epitomises that reborn resilience.

And the third hooray? Well, that must be withheld until Wednesday. For of all the architectural challenges known to mankind, the building of a concert hall is perhaps most prone to horrible, unrectifiable errors. As with the making of violins, it is a skill that was perfected with mysterious case by the craftsmen of earlier centuries — think of Vienna's Musikverein or Amsterdam's Concertgebouw — but then apparatus ently mislaid until very recently.

Why? Well, greed - or to put it another way, economics - played a part. The ideal hall for music is a shoebox shape with a mostly wooden interior and little balcony. It seats no more than 2,000 people. Unfortunately, 20th-century architects were usually pressurised into delivering halls that made sense



RICHARD MORRISON

commercially and politically. That meant building huge overhanging balconies so that thousands could be packed in for popular concerts (the Festival Hall seats nearly 3,000); or using concrete interiors; or (as with the Barbican) devising halls as conference centres first and musical venues second.

London has suffered particularly badly. The Albert Hall was intended as a giant, communal wigwam for genteel Victorian soci-ety, not a showcase for music. And the Festival Hall and Barbican were simply built in the wrong era. with the wrong materials, in the wrong shape. The disgrace is that, with all this lonery money floating about, there is no plan to build the outstanding new concert hall that the capital desperately lacks. Luckily, top orchestras do not

necessarily need top halls. The London Symphony Orchestra has prospered in spite of the Barbican.
The New York Philharmonic copes with the barn-like Avery Fisher Hall. The Chicago Symphony has turned its hall's ultra-dry acoustics to its advantage, develop-

ing a crystalline precision. And the Philadelphia Orchestra has nurrured its luxurious timbres for decades in its universally reviled Academy of Music.

onversely, a fine concert hall doesn't guarantee the presence of a fine orchestra. Two of the best concert halls built in Britain in recent years - at Nottingham and Basingstoke have no resident orchestra at all. And I shall not forget the sardonic comment of a Texan music critic, as we emerged - shaken but not stirred - from listening to the Dallas Orchestra playing the first concert in its new, \$82 million hall. "With that money." he observed, sourly but accurately, "they could have bought a damn good orchestra and stayed in the old building."

I hope he didn't repeat that observation to Ross Perot, who

had chipped in \$12 million from his own pocket.
Oddiy, Manchester has eschewed the most revolutionary

and, to my mind, successful acoustical breakthrough of recent years: Russell Johnson's amazing adjustable reverberation chambers, which have made Symphony Hall in Birmingham the finest music venue in Britain. Instead, the Bridgewater Hall will have a permanently fixed acoustic. So if the technical chaps have got their sums wrong, it ain't easy to fix. There will be some chronic nib-

bling of fingernails on Wednesday. Whar's more, the Bridgewater has a very daring interior design: a shoebox shape, but with balconies that sweep down towards the stage. The idea is that 2,400 people will commune in comparative intimacy with the performers. But will the balconies cut off too much resonance? All will be revealed in four days' time. Good luck, Manchester. Let's hope that fortune, and acoustical science, fayours the brave.

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Cream of the cornettists

CHAMBER jazz does not come much classier than this. For many years Ruby Braff. the acerbic Boston-born cornettist, seemed out of step with the onwards-and-upwards ethos of jazz orthodoxy. But now that swing is respectable again, we are free 10 appreciate him for what he is: a consummate melodist.

How often do you hear musicians improvise on Come Fly With Me? In Braff's hands, Jimmy Van Heusen's melody took on a more wistful flavour, while Change Part-

JAZZ **Ruby Braff**

Pizza Express ners demonstrated the ex-

traordinary vocal aspect of his solos. Compared with the fiery records he made in his youth. Braff's playing has shed some of its dynamic range but his mastery of timbre remains unrivalled. Few horn players can sustain a burnished tone

"THE MOST FABULOUS SIGHT ON

THE LONDON STAGE"

adventures in motion pictures

at such low volume while negotiating nimble leaps into the lower register. Bassist Dave Green and

drummer Alian Ganley both responded to the openings that Braff created for them - and whenever the leader risked adding one curlicue too many, Brian Lemon was on hand with another astringent piano solo. Another treat awaits next week when Braff will be joined by the American guitarist Howard Alden.

CLIVE DAVIS

Matt Wolf meets one-time 'Latin spitfire' Rita Moreno, back in the big time in Sunset Boulevard

Perfectly

rom Monday Rita Mo-reno will be the fifth Norma Desmond to descend the gilded rococo staircase of John Napier's deliciously gaudy set for Sunset Boulevard at the Adelphi Theatre. And she is also the most unexpected casting yet. While previous Normas -Patti LuPone, Elaine Paige, et al - were either Broadway divas or huge-voiced Londoners, Moreno is a one-time MGM starlet who has won every award going (Oscar,



Curtain call: Rita Moreno, now 64, returns to the West End stage after 32 years away

Norma

revisits the studio that

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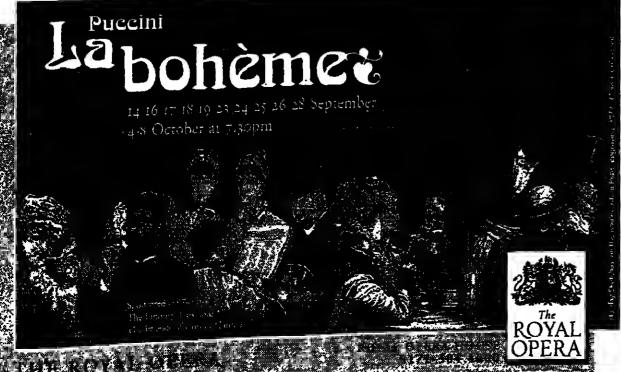
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spurned her.

Tony, Grammy, Emmy) without ever allying herself exclusively to musicals. She is as likely to be found







Millennium of the rising sun

Joanna Pitman sees Japan

outshining us in the year 2000

ne of Japan's top civil servants gave a telling little insight into his country the other day when I told him about the plans for a millennium festival at Greenwich. "Oh," he said somewhat taken aback. "So Britain is going to be marking the millennium with a spectacular event, then?" Spectacular event or spectacular fiasco: either way. I assured him, something big will be happening at Greenwich. f must talk to the Prime Minister about this," he said. "Japan should be doing something, too. We wouldn't want to be left

Most of Judaeo-Christian civilisadon will mark the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ with a celebration. The Germans are going to stage a "world expo" in Hanover with millions of spectators, much expense and much excitement. The Italians are celebrating by sprucing up Rome, the Eternal City, and the Vatican has designated 2000 as a jubilee holy year. In Spain, the recent change in government has muddled existing plans, but - given the country's slightly morbid sensitivity to the passage of time

— Spaniards expect that some-

thing colourful will be organised, if only at the last minute. The Americans, too, are distracted by elections; but while no federal event is planned yet, s*e*veral states are organising monuments or festivals. Only the French seem to have

run out of steam after a decade of extravagant grands pro-Elsewhere, the Muslim

world is not interested in the millennium, for obvinus reasons. Nur is most uf Asia. Pockets of Christian Africa are planning modest events and Latin American nations will indulge in fabulous parties.

But why Japan? There is a small Christian population -0.7 per cent of its 125 million total. But religious affiliation is a complex affair in Japan. where membership uf religious organisations stands at the last count at 217,229,831. That this figure accounts fur almost twice the population does not bother the statistically minded Japanese. This is because most belong to a range of religions. There are eight million gods in Japan and most Japanese consider themselves to be at the very least Buddhist and Shinto, possibly Christian as well for good measure.

Nevertheless, with so few signed up as Christians, the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Christ would seem rather an obscure event for the remaining 124,125,000 Japa-nese. And 2000 in Britain will be Heisei 12 in Japan, marking the 12th year of the reign of Emperor Akihito.

Yet Japan is, after all, exceedingly proud of its membership of the Western club of nations. Of all of Asia, it is Japan alone, a country whose cities only 50 years ago were heaps of charred rubble, its defeated people lice-infested and starving, that has joined the mature economies of the West at the internacional top table. It is endlessly gratified

by its membership of G7 (and as it is the world's largest would be meaningless without it). And in spite of its excessively geopolitical and diplomatic coyness on the world stage, it coyness on the world stage, a still dreams of one day being granted the ultimate accolade, in the form of permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

True, Japan would rather leave responsibility for the substance of world geopolitics to the West, for this is expensive and requires confidence. But when it comes to appearances - those beauty-contest international summits, world expos and international sporting events - Japan is ever eager to match the West and confirm its identity. Indeed, so keen is Japan on football that a multi-million dollar profes-sional "saccaa" league has been created, and small boys are now ditching their base-ball heroes to dribble footballs and dream of Wembley. Tokyo has lobbied so hard to host the 2002 football World Cup that it has ended up being appointed co-host with the equally eager South Korea — not an enviable position for either country. A millennium festival or monu-ment therefore that is larger,

more expensive or spectacular Britain's We can be than would be interpretsure that Japan will celebrate

ed as a great success But what can the Japanese find to celebrate that was going on 2,000 years ago? At the millennium

time, Japan was undergoing a period of heavy colonisation. Mongoloid populations from the Korean peninsula were crossing into Japan and ushering the indigenous peoples, a Caucasian Aboriginal race known as the Ainu, up into the northern island of Hokkaido. At least one million are thought to have migrated from southern Korea into Japan between 500 BC and AD 500 and by the 7th century, the Korean immigrant peoples counted fur eight ninths of the Japanese

Today's Japanese will not, of course, be wishing to celebrate their ancestral links with Korea. Nor will they wish to dig up the history of Christianity in their country, having brutally suppressed the faith in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. Christianity today is more a fashion than a faith. with every young woman dreaming of a white wedding in a mock Baroque chapel to follow her Buddhist-temple and Shinto-shrine marriage ceremonies.

We can be sure that Japan will do something for the millennium, whether festival, expo or monument — and at high speed, if the rebuilding of Kobe is anything to go by. We'll have our millennium. It'll be a kind of fashion. If other Western countries are doing it, we will too," says the civil servant. Given the historical vortex that Japan has passed through in the past 160 years - the dizzying series of economic, cultural and even physical transformations the disorientation, the constant soul-searching and constant comparisons with the West are hardly surprising.

Graham Mather argues that public service unions who strike should lose their legal immunities

presents a small problem for John Munks, and three large difficulties for Tony Blair. The TUC General Secretary contemplates a trade union movement with a disap-pearing membership. Fewer than 6.7 million people now belong to a trade union: far fewer than, for example, a motoring organisation like the AA, and only half as many as in 1979.

To distract attendon from the vanishing members, the TUC will publish opinion polls suggesting that unions are becoming more popular with voters. But the TUC knows that improvement in image is achieved only when unions are quiet and forgotten. As Mr Monks ruminated this week, the rash of rail, Tube and post strikes could drag the unions back into the limelight and make them a significant election issue.

Mr Monks's dilemma is that while union numbers have fallen, the unions themselves have changed scarcely at all. They have not moved effectively into the provision of services to members. They have oot carved out a new niche as purveyors of world-class training and skill development. They have not attracted the new "knowledge workers" or

reached out to the self-employed. Instead the unions have their eves on three rescue packages. Each one is an uneasy prospect for new Labour. The first hope is that Labour would

Why Labour won't rescue the unions

bring the unions in from the cold. The mere feeling that they were once again being listened to that John Edmonds, Jimmy Knapp, Rodney Bickerstaffe and their colleagues are wanted on board, would give the TUC new strength. Yet British governments of any colour can now pick up ideas and advise from a my pick of the colour can now pick the colour can n up ideas and advice from a myriad of outside agencies, societies, think-tanks, single-issue groups, academics and experts. The only requirement is that the ideas are potent, well thought-through and effective in meeting policy problems. Nothing in the TUC's past or present suggests that this is a skill at which it excels.

that this is a skill at which it excels. Item number two is a more nerveracking proposition. In John Smith's time Labour offered the unions legislation which would boost their membership by forcing employers, for the first time in British law, to recognise unions for bargaining purposes even if they did not wish to do so, It would have meant that if a

union secured a majority in a ballot of workers concerned, employers would have had to bargain with the union. Under such a law union membership could be expected to grow. Yet employers are likely to fight vigorously against a move which would go further even than Michael Foot's union-boosting mea-

sures of the 1970s.

The third nightmarish prospect links two of the most negative buzzwords in British politics: unions and Europe. Led by Mr Monks's deputy. David Lea, British union officials working in the European TUC, and Labour's MEPs exerting pressure on the European Commission, have begun to turn the European Union's Social Action Programme into a shopping list of measures affecting working hours. part-time work, union recognidon. and employment protection. An 87point list of items to be introduced

reassuring business that Labour would not introduce such measures if they damaged competitiveness, perplexed Europeans have pointed out that once the social chapter is signed the ability to pick and choose social

measures largely disappears.

In a pre-election period the unions seem, therefore, a troublesome tar baby. To preserve a clean and wellgroomed image the only course is to

This becomes impossible if they are reverting to the old strike habits. The Thatcher reforms removed unions' legal immunities unless strikes had been preceded by a ballot. In the private competitive sector of the economy this solves the problem. Workers will weigh in the ballot the likelihood that strikes will divert customers to compedtors - possibly for good. Yet in monopoly, noncompetitive industries and services

find an alternative service. So in post. Tube and rail disputes union members are virtually certain to favor. strike action in a ballot. If customers are captive, there is no risk. Only if union members place the convenience of the public and the long-term viability of the enterprise over their own pay and conditions, is there any incentive to exercise restraint

tt would be best to remove all legal immunities from strikers unless and until competition is introduced. The move would be simple to implement. easy to legislate, and existing compedition law would define which monopolies were caught. Those who are damaged by breaches of contract organised by the unions would be able to recover compensation for their losses. There would be no need for policians to intervene. It would be the logical completion of the Thatcher reforms.

How would Labour react to such a proposal? It is committed to finding alternatives to strikes, protecting customers, and encouraging competition. It is far from certain that Mr Blair would rule out such a plan. No. wonder the TUC contemplates next week's conference, the unions' future role, and its part in the election campaign with ill-concealed alarm.

The outhor is Conservative MEP for Hampshire N. ond Oxford ond president of the European Policy Forum.

Chapels in the valley of tears

In England even housing estates are listed, but Welsh chapels

are still ignored That form of beauty

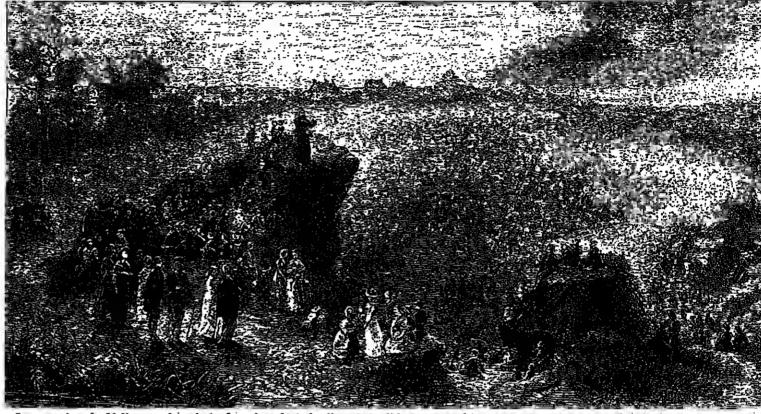
moves us to tears? Certainly a novel, a play, a film, the sound of the human voice. But I have never cried before a building, unless jogged by some personal association. Like a painting, architecture works on the mind before it works on the emotions.

Yet the writer Owen Edwards recalled: "You have not seen the old chapel at Llanuwchllyn, by the still water, the roof no higher than the valer, the root no night than the village houses round. Its walls were bare, the benches comfortable or hard, according to the sermon, the windows long and narrow and without ornament. That is the most beautiful place where I have ever been. It is the place where I began to think, where I fell in love, felt the dread tif damnation and the joy tif forgiveness ... When though Heaven come to my unsettled mind, Paradise is to me that old chapel at Llanuwchllyn."

Of all Britain's cultural artefacts, none is so neglected as the Welsh chapel. This week, as the English were listing historic housing estates and office blocks, the Welsh protested that their buildings were slipping through the net. The rules had been set by English criteria; Welsh history was passed over. They ignore the distinctive nature of Welsh architecture," protested the Western Mail, pleading the notorious dictionary: "for Wales: see England".

Nothing in Welsh architecture is more distinctive than the modest temples of Zion that grace the streets. villages and mountainsides of the Principality. As Edwards wrote, chapels formed the hearts and improved the minds of a nation. As they now face closure, reputedly at the rate of one a week, they stand as monuments to the history of Wales. They lie in the path of the buildozer and the bungalow, twin weapons of the Welsh Office's enthusiasm to coat Wales in

housing estates and wind farms. Anthony Jones, former Rector of London's Royal College of Art, is a lonely defender of the Welsh chapel. His study of its architecture first appeared in Wales in 1983. An expanded edition is now published in England (by Alan Sutton) and is a polemical masterpiece. Jones con-



Summoning the Valleys to chapel: the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, preaching at Gwennap Pit, from the picture by W.O. Geller

jures the spirit of a thousand Bethels. Bethesdas, Salems and Carmels and lifts them above the mists of the mountains and valleys. He brings to life the myriad sects. Baptists, Unitarians, Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Methodists - Wesleyan and

Nowhere in Britain, possibly nowhere in Europe, possessed so many places tif worship per person as did Wales at the end of the 19th century. I imagine this is still the case. There were over 5,000 in total, and Merioneth had a chapel to every 159 people. Many were grim, rigid and often exclusive, In the Dovey Valley village, where f holidayed as a child, there were three rival chapels as well as a church. I marvelled at the doctrinal intensity that must have kept them apart - an intensity more due to farm, family and class than to

Chapels dominated Welsh culture and education to a degree that even the Scottish Kirk could not equal. They were citadels of self-improvement in communities that were desperately poor and lacked rich patrons. The historian Gwyn Williams refers to their influence as a "crabbed narrowness, a mean-spirited tyranny, yet also a sweeping spiritual vision, a populism, a warmth, a social equality and an openness to talent in verse and music". Many chapels began life in

secret barns. Those that today seem lost on mountainsides (if not flattened by the Forestry Commission) owe their isolation to small groups of

ers. In the 18th century they became preaching boxes, barely distinguishable from the houses and farms to which they were attached. Welsh chapels were not about holiness or

ritual. The qualities demanded of their builders were

respect" and "seemliness". The chapel boom began with the final Anglican-Methodist schism of 1811. As itinerant preachers arrived in each village, and as each village decamped to the industrial valleys of Glamorgan, chapels erupted. They were Welsh speaking and Welsh singing. The chapel was the temple of the spoken word, "a palace of the oral arts". The sermon was its centrepiece, Ruskin's "half hour to raise the dead". The door of understanding was reached down the path of emotion, and sometimes the path of politics. One preacher declared his best tools to be the Bible and The Times.

The cost to each congregation of so

many places of worship was crip-pling. Chapel fundraising became a culture in itself. A "preachathon" in Merthyr raised £900. The rights to shepherds worshipping far from the prying eyes of 17th-century inform
Jehtwah were sold to buy a chapel in

Cwm Rhondda, after which the tune was named. A Dowlais chapel was prosecuted for gambling. A Maerdy lottery was stopped after the chapel deacons won all the prizes.

the cause of their pluralism, was their independence of ecclesiastical hierarchy. Deacons agonised over cost and design. Many were simple, even mean, but few were the same. There was little of the assembly-line Gothic of 19th-century Anglicanism. This was a vernacular architecture to suit a vernacular religion. Style caused constant concern, since style conveyed symbolism. A handbook of 1847 warned against the "abominable idolatry of classicism" as well as against pointed Gothic, as favoured by "the shrines, high altars, sacristies and Lady chapels of Popish supersti-

So what to choose? The Wesleyans, closest to Anglicanism, settled mostly for Gothic, but the majority decided

that classicism was the lesser of pagan evils. The terraces of the Valleys thus blossomed with the motifs of Alberti and Palladiti, Georgian gables became porticos, windows became Venetian, steeples and campaniles loomed above slate roofs. Apotheosis was reached in Newtown Baptist Church, Cardigan's Mount Zion and the "cathedral of Welsh Nonconformity", the majestic Mor-riston Tabernacle. Welsh chapel architects were unknown in England and seldom appear in histories the Victorian building. Yet Richard Owen and Richard Davies of Bangardesigned more than 250 chapels each. many of outstanding quality.

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The worst enemy of Wales, here as so often, is the Welsh. Local poliocians have viewed chapels as they viewed the pits and terraces of the Valleys, as cultural prisons which they could escape only by destroying

With its hills disappearing under conifers and its towns under estates and supermarkets. Wales has little enough to show for its history. Yet there are still these caskets of piety. The human eye is wilful. I believe it will come to appreciate the simple artistry that went into chapel-building. It can only do so where that building survives.

If the art of architecture could cry just now, Welsh chapels would be its

Caught out

THERE was a tense moment at Harvey Nichols's swanky Fifth Floor Cafe the other day, Jemima Khan, lunching quietly with her friends Diana, Princess of Wales, and Lady Cosima Somerset, suddenly realised that Kathy Botham was on the other side of the room. Now Jemima had not set eyes on

Kathy since the cricket libel trial between their respective husbands which Imran famously won, leaving Ian Botham with a legal And tast month, after the case,

bouncer from Kathy on the front page of a tabloid newspaper in which Kathy accused her of gloating" in court and said: "We could have dug up all sorts of allegations about Imran's past, but we decided not to play that game." After spotting Kathy at her table

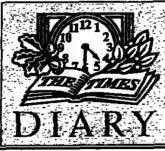
with friends, Jemima was seen heading purposefully towards her. The tension was palpable as she introduced herself but within seconds they were chatting amicably, their sticky wicket behind them. A stowaway sparrow joined o

this year. It became hypoxic — blacked out — but was revived with 100 per cent oxygen odministered by the navigator. "The oircraft entered Iraqi airspace armed with two Sidewinder missiles and a sparrow," says an RAF report.

Tornado mission over Iraq earlier

Ward round

WITH Boris Yeltsin admitting that he needs heart by-pass surgery. I



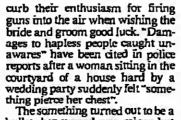
been seen popping pills recently, on

the golf course. It was at the 11th tee, according to golf-pro Rick Reilly Writing in Sports Illustrated magazine, that the Clintons' valet ran up with five coloured pills. "Look at these," the President groaned. "Honestly, do you feel any security in knowing that the leader of your country has to take this many pills?

Clinton's doctor, also playing golf, was stern. "Just take them, dammit," he said, and his padent obeyed. The White House insists they were no more than vitamins. But why in the middle of the dayand on doctor's orders?

Hit record

have news of a medical complaint from President Clinton. He has Arab Emirates have been told to



The something turned out to be a bullet; her wound was minor but police have been reporting similar incidents. "When a wedding pro-cession cruises along the road, it invites curious residents of nearby



"I'm fine, Norma, I just can't watch Chelsea anymore

houses to stand on their balconies, unaware of the dangers they face from randomly fired bullets by the revellers," say the police, who are offering an alternative means of demonstrating affection: the sale of pre-recorded cassettes featuring the sound of guntire.

● In the well-heeled circles of Piccadilly, talk is of socks. Vast quantities of socks. Kerry Packer, the polo-ploying Australion tycoon, popped in to the gents outfitters S. Fisher last week and ordered 300 pairs. Very Imelda Marcos.

Press on

LABOUR may be celebrating its El-million donadon from Chelsea FC's vice-chairman Matthew Harding but if Tony Blair's burly press officer Alastair Campbell carries on as he did yesterday afternoon, the party shouldn't count its

Campbell was trying to give the feted donor some advice on how to deal with the press. Harding wasn't having any of it, but Camp-bell persisted. The only way to shut him up was to butt in. "By the way Alastair, what happens if I ask for my money back?" he asked, bot. Campbell continued. "What'll you do if the cheque bounces?" asked



Harding — the question that finally persuaded Campbell to close his

Worn out

DtSBELIEF greeted reports in Florence yesterday that the designer Giorgio Armani is planning to dress the ancient Roman statues of the Uffizi Gallery in his baggy clothes as part of the city's Bienmal

The Italian press says that 14 classical statues will wear Armani for three months from September



How would the Medici Venus take to being dressed in Armani?

2l. tn London, the Italian Culnical Institute was astonished. "It's the decision of the soprintendente. It's a bit tacky, perhaps, but stranger things have happened." Brian Sewell, the vigorous art

critic, catted the idea delicious. "And how do you cut trousers around a fig-leaf?" he asked. Armani says he has created 15 outlits that "pay homage to the spin of Renaissance artists". But after res-terday's excitement, there was talk tif mannequins being used and not



RIPE TO ROTTEN

The rapid "maturing" of Labour's plans for devolution

Normally parties have to wait for the pressures of government before being forced into rapid changes of policy. On devolution for Scotland, Labour has been executing dazzling changes of direction with the speed, but none of the grace, of a downhill skier. Now the party has fallen flat on its face. In the space of the past two months the Labour Party has changed its position on devolution three times, and the two most recent changes have occurred less than a week apart. labour's desire to decentralise power is an honourable one but the way in which the party leadership has approached the matter suggests that it is profoundly uncomfortable with the consequences of its own policies.

Under the late John Smith's leadership Labour's commitment to a tax-raising Scottish parliament was unquestioned. He considered it "unfinished business", the answer to Scotland's aspirations for autonomy within the United Kingdom. Since Tony Blair became Labour leader he has given the impression of regarding devolution as a problem, not a solution.

Mr Blair was sensitive to the skill with which the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, had played on fears of an Edinburgh assembly levying an oppressive tartan tax". Not only had Mr Forsyth eroded support for devolution, he had also associated Labour in the public mind with plans for new taxes.

The Labour leadership, anxious to neutralise the impression that its first instinct was to tax, proposed a referendum which would ask Scots first if they wanted The body, and then if they wanted to grant it powers to raise taxes. The decision to hold a referendum caught the Labour Party in Scotland by surprise. It undermined the credibility of Mr Blair as a sincere devolutionist. If he could not trust policy to his Scottish party when in Opposition, how could he expect it to form an autonomous administration in Edinburgh?

Labour activists in Scotland have been campaigning all summer to ensure that any referendum has only one question: yes or no to a parliament with tax-raising powers. In Blair will have to think again.

an effort to stop the dissidents, George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, secured the agreement of the Scottish executive of the Labour Party to a new scheme. It proposed a two-question referendum before any parliament was set up and another referendum, after its establishment, to trigger the tax-raising powers. The policy, as convoluted as any composite from the party's past, was praised by Mr Blair as "mature". A policy made last Saturday and mature on Sunday was past its sell-by date yesterday. It went from ripe to rotten more quickly than a mango in the midday sun.

In the event of a Labour victory, the path to a Scottish parliament will still be far from smooth. The West Lothian Ouestion remains unanswered; Scottish over representatioo is unaddressed; the response of the English to Scots enjoying both an extra assembly and greater spending per head has been ignored. Moreover, new Labour MPs in English marginals may not appreciate the time spent legislating for Scotland: why should their constituents take second place?

The referendum is set to create as many problems as it seeks to solve. Scots may see in an assembly the autonomy they demand. But it stretches faith in their fervour to imagine they will also vote to grant such a body tax-raising powers before legislation has even passed through Parliament. For the last ten years, Labour has argued that anything less than a parliament with taxraising powers would be inherently unstable and wrong for Scotland. Such an assembly would be no party's first choice, too impotent to satisfy reformers, an unnecessary extra layer of bureaucracy for sceptics. Such a parliament was killed by apathy in 1979. Its chances would look scarcely better now.

There is a genuine desire among Scots to see their distinctive character recognised and given expression within the United Kingdom. Labour is right to have tried to speak to that need. Although its latest position may be safer than the previous one, all its efforts in Opposition have so far been flawed. If he is to succeed in government Mr

GIFT HORSES

A closer examination of teeth is required

business. It is surumen chilling honesty by the member of Deutsche Bank's management board with overall responsibility for assets management. "If you have a star performer in your business." says Rolf Breuer, "you have a temptation and a tendency to let him go on, even if he is not completely within his business limits." First Barings, now Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Will they never learn?

That Peter Young, the disgraced fund manager in charge of two of Morgan Grenfell's unit trusts, was allowed to build up huge and unauthorised holdings in obscure, unlisted Scandinavian companies suggests an absence of supervisory responsibility matched only by that of Barings. As with Nick Leeson's dealings in derivatives, theMr Young's activities should have been spotted and stopped by at least four different internal checks and balances. But, presumably because his profit performance seemed so impressive, others at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell were reluctant to intervene.

What banks seem not to have realised is that they should be just as suspicious of large profits as of large losses. Unusually high profits suggest one of three causes: luck, fraud or dangerously high risk. The first never lasts; the second and third have no place in reputable fund management. But instead of investigating hugely profitable divisions, banks have a tendency, as Mr

Breuer has confessed, to leave well alone. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's omissions could not be worse news for the unit trust industry. Unit trusts are seen as second in risk only to bank or building society

Something is rotten in the state of the accounts. They are for people who do not want to speculate on just one or several shares but prefer to spread their risk as widely as possible. They are supposed to be safe and highly supervised.

Coming so soon after the £700,000 fine imposed on the Jardine Fleming investment management group, this latest embarrassment will severely dent confidence in the sector. Internal regulation is clearly not working as it should and the reasons are to do with cultures not structures.

In the Deutsche Morgan Grenfell case, the structures were all in place. But what was the compliance department doing? Where was the chief investment officer? Why did the trusts' trustees not take tougher action? Whatever happened to peer group scrutiny? Suspicions were raised about the level of unlisted company investment as early as April 1996, but far from reducing it, Mr Young seems to have done the opposite.

It is not as if the internal controls were not there. They simply were not applied. This latest debacle has shown that Barings was far from being a one-off, a "rogue" disaster. Both stemmed from a culture of complacency among senior managers.

Deutsche Bank took over Morgan Grenfell eight years ago, so this problem cannot be blamed on the previous regime. Nor should the Germans expect to be dealt with more lightly by threatening to move this business to Frankfurt. It is precisely because such scandals are eventually uncovered and punished in London that the City is still, despite its travails, the best place in Europe in which to do business. Deutsche Bank has nobody to blame but itself.

A MISS FOR ITALY

Why the black gazelle should be a Roman triumph

Current affairs television in Italy features endless rows of identically sharp-suited intellectuals rhapsodising about the beauty and inevitability of a united Europe. Television beauty contests, we now find out, tell a different story. The Miss Italy contest, normally about as controversial as a pastamix commercial, has this year been taken over by the politics of national identity.

The contest is in its last stages and a black woman is heading for tonight's final. Denny Mendez, now christened the black gazelle of Santo Domingo", only became an Italian citizen four years ago when she came to Italy from the Dominican Republic. Signor Bob Krieger, one of the contest's judges and himself the owner of a not particularly Mediterranean name, was sacked from the panel for telling eight and a half million television viewers that a black woman cannot possibly represent Italy. The women of Italy, he said, "all have white skins".

The Miss lialy organisers are standing m:Signorina Mendez remains in the lists. But of all the countries on the Mediterranean, Italy must rank as one of the oddest places for an eruption of skin colour politics. Signor Krieger's remarks have ignited use the country is convulsed

next week. But however unpleasant and prejudiced some of the League's language. the northerners' argument is with the Government in Rome and not with immigrants of a different colour.

There are no purely white West European societies and probably never have been. Least of all have they existed around that great marine mixing bowl of populations, the Mediterranean. Italy hosts perhaps a million immigrants and at least half a million clandestini drawn from the Maghreb, Africa and Central Europe. When the sun shines in Rome, the men festooned with sunglasses for sale are not Italians but darkskinned members of that more multinational, elusive tribe, the one which always plies its trades on the pavement.

Any claim of Italian racial purity ignores the peninsula's history. Rome was the hob of an Empire whose vast and flexible strength depended almost wholly on co-opting conquered races. During the 3rd century, one Emperor was a Syrian, another an Arab and a third an African. That African, Septimius Severus, was raised to the highest office by legionaries from what is now Hungary and died in York after repairing Hadrian's Wall That was just the beginning of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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US intervention in southern Iraa

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, Do we have, in the attack by United States forces on targets in southern Iraq (leading articles. September 2, 3, 4), the outward sign of a para-digm-shift in international relations?

At the close of the Cold War, President Bush sought to institute a "New World Order" in which the United States would exercise world leadership through the United Nations. Today, both presidential candidates in the United States seem to want something different, and both express contempt for that irreplaceable institution, the United Nations.

· What Mr Clinton and Mr Dole now propose has been heralded by the former's repeated remark, that the United States would in future operate multilaterally if we can, unilaterally

if we must". The attacks on southern Iraq coincided with the annual conference of the International Institute for Strategic Studies which I attended in Dresden. With remarkably good timing, we were examining "Alliances and international security". Discussion of course turned to whether the United States was now seeking quasi-imperial power with obedient client states rather than sovereign and willing allies, and to what extent the "counterproliferation programme" would encourage, indeed enable, this ambition.

The consensus was that the attacks on Iraq were "unilateral": the missiles were launched, pre-emptively, not from some ally's territory, but from United States platforms, without multilateral agreement or international

Yours etc. ELIZABETH YOUNG. 100 Bayswater Road, W2. September 5.

From Mr Rodney E. B. Atkinson

Sir. The British and American case for intervention to protect the Kurds is under attack by those (including, it seems, the Gulf War ally, France) who see the Kurdish North as an integral part of a sovereign Iraq.
However the historical background

to the creation of modern-day Iraq (by the British) casts considerable doubt on this claim. When we, as the colonial power, installed Faisal as King in . 1921 we relied to some extent oo a referendum which we claimed gave masve support to the new ru the "support" was far from overwhelming: in particular the Kurds of Sulaimaniya abstained from voting and those in Kirkuk rejected Faisal com-

Britain was surely wrong to draw lines in the sand in 1921 and ignore the Kurds' wishes, just as Saddam and some countries today are quite wrong to regard Kurdish land as part of sovereign Iraq. History would suggest that the Americans can rely on rather more than just moral indignation at Saddam's behaviour. There is both a moral and a democratic justification for their intervencion.

Yours etc RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON, Alderley, Meadowfield Road, Stocksfield, Northumberland. September 5.

University funding

From Professor Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir. I was astonished to read the letter of Mr Nicholas O'Shaughnessy from the Judge Institute of Management Studies of Cambridge University (September 3), berating the world for not heaping even more wealth upon Oxford and Cambridge.

Is it any wonder that with academic attitudes of this kind this country is no longer able to afford to maintain its university system in the style to which it believed it had become accustoosed?

The reason why the University of Chicago, which he so admires, can afford Nobel Prize winners is simply that it manages its business more ef-

It charges sensible fees which enable h to earn its living, to pay good salaries and otherwise to invest in its future. Cambridge University by contrast and all the other British universities more so, live on welfare.

So what can they expect? Their dependence on government handouts is shameful - a state of dependency which we can only hope the Dearing committee will rectify. How can our once great and independent universities flourish if they charge cut-price fees and compete with one another in order to do so?

The remedy for this sad state of affairs and its concomitant intellectual malaise is to disestablish the universities, to let them charge the economic rate for their services to their students and to government, and to return once again to prospering by their own endeavours. Let the Government subsidise the

students, if it wishes, but never, never, let it again subsidise the universities. That way lies the enfeeblement of once great institutions. Yours faithfully.

GRAHAM HILLS Vice-Chancellor, University of Strathclyde, 1980-91). Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire. September 4.

Church's Christmas poster 'outrage'

word seems to get around and the young people in town descend on him.

We agree that there is a great hunger

for truth in the world that is not sat-

The Church's latest attempt to "en-

gage" with young people will fail, as all previous attempts have failed. In

accommodating itself to the superfi-cialities of the world it betrays those

already disillusioned with a lack of

seriousness about serious things. It

also betrays the faithful, who love

God but can no longer find in the

Church a community of mind among

whom they may worship. The "New Accommodated Church" betrays the

. The Church is the oldest corporate

organisation in the world, with one powerful and singular message. Someone in the advertising depart-

ment has forgotten what that is. In

most organisations this usually

means that the Boss is no longer in

Long techington, Warwickshire.

Sir, Three cheers for The Churches

Advertising Network. Their work

over the last two years has been in-creasingly bold and progressive.

which is what advertising is about,

but it is also faithful to the truth and to

A clever or humorous advert is no

gimmick", as the Reverend John

Broadhurst has termed their latest

campaign, if it faithfully represents its

subject. The new poster does not

plumb all the depths of Christmas,

but it does touch quite genuinely on part of the reality of incarnation. This

reality of Jesus's impact on everyday

life is certainly what the world is

The Church needs a good dose of

humour: clergy all too easily get used

to the black or grey dress of our every

day lives, and forget how drab we be-

come. My favourite church notice-

board slogans include one from an

Anglican church near the Angel,

Coming here every Sunday - The

Forgiven" (courtesy Clint Eastwood).

Two others are from an Elim church

in Harlesden: "Sermons delivered hot

(showing a large slice of pizza) and Unlike the Post Office, we have two

20 minutes — or your m

collections on Sundays".

1 remain, yours impressed, RICHARD DORMANDY,

September 5.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, I Sydenham Park Road, SE26.

Yours faithfully.

6 Willow Grove,

From the Reverend

Richord Dormandy

D. LINDLEY.

September 6.

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faithless and the faithful alike.

isfied by a faithless Church.

From Mr Jeremy M. J. Booker

Sir, fn my opinion, the new Christmas poster campaign by The Churches Advertising Network (report and leading article, September 5) is bound to appeal to the youth of this country, for whom a Christian upbringing is now the exception rather than the

The message conveyed by your front-page story seems to be that the Church of England is incapable of communicating with the Christians of tomorrow and that it is also intolerant of contemporary methods of communication.

In our increasingly secular and pluralistic society, the Church must surely make full use of the God-given gifts of those Christians skilled in communication and advertising aimed at young people.

The outrage expressed by the Arch-bishop of York might be appeased if he were to recall that there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninetynine righteous persons who do not need to repent", and that Jesus taught that "no one comes to the Father ex-cept through me". Who are we to judge the methods by which our Lord may choose to reach those who have yet to hear the gospel?

In the meantime, I await the day when the gospel, rather than the views of those willing to emphasise the divisions in the Church, is frontpage news.

Yours faithfully, JEREMY M. J. BOOKER, 76a Si George's Square, SWI. September S.

From Mr Duncan Bonks

Sir. Why, when the Church tries to do the job it is supposed to do by speaking the language of the people and presenting the truth about a baby from Bethlehem whose life split history in two, does it spoil everything with internal bickering and complain-

How can the Archbishop of York say that this brilliant new advertising campaign is "a step too far" when all that it does is to tell it as it was, in a way that the average person on the street can understand and respond to?

Yours sincerely, DUNCAN BANKS (Minister, Banbury Community Church), 24 Crouch Hill Road. Banbury, Oxfordshire. September 5.

From Mr Dovid Lindley

Italy's Fascist past

Sir, My friend Martin, who runs the local secondhand bookshop, says he can't keep his philosophy shelves filled. As soon as he gets new stock.

From Professor Richard Pankhurst

Sir. Woodrow Wyatt's otherwise im-

pressive article. "Padania muddles

through (September 3), omits any ref-

erence to postwar Italy's signal failure

to come to terms with its Fascist past.

It is only this year, as a result of the

tireless efforts of Professor Angelo Del

Boca (a historian of Italian colonial

Africa), that the ftalian Ministry of

Defence has finally admitted the fact.

long well-known outside Italy, that

the Italian Air Force employed poison

gas during the invasion of Ethiopia in

Italy, it is worthy of note, has still not restored to Ethiopia the historic

Aksum obelisk, looted on Mussolini's

personal orders in 1937, which, in accordance with Article 37 of the 1947 Italian Peace Treaty with the UN. should have been returned within IS

Ethiopians are currently agitating for the long-overdue restitution of this ancient 24-metre-high stele. The Ethi-opian Federal Parliament and the local Parliament of the Tigre administrative region have this year both demanded its return, and 13,000 citizens of Aksum recently signed a petition supporting this request.

Yours sincerely. RICHARD PANKHURST. As from: Addis Ababa University, Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. September 5.

Causes of 'addiction'

From Dr E. Moran

Sir, Clive Turner's comments (letter, September 2) on "addiction" are simplistic. People who are addicted to an agent or activity not only long for it and "enjoy it", but in addition also dread it because they find that they cannot give it up. Indeed, it is not merely the exercise of choice but a felt. need for the agent or activity that perpetuates its use in spite of consequent disease and disorder.

In an attempt to draw attention to these ambivalent attitudes and to deal with the confusion about the term "addiction", the World Health Organisation proposed in the 1960s that this term should be replaced by that of dependence".

While dependence always has a psychological component in relation to certain agents such as tobacco and alcohol, there can also be physical dependence. Obviously the tobacco industry finds these facts unacceptable. Yours faithfully.

E. MORAN (Consultant psychiatrist). Grovelands Priory Hospital. The Bourne, Southgate, N14. September 3.

Sibling society

From Miss Mary Kenny

Sir. There is an alternative explanation for Margaret Thatcher's high achievement in spite of being "merely the younger sister" in her family of two ("Are some people born to succeed?", Valerie Grove, August 27). Margaret Thatcher had no brothers, and girls born into a family without brothers (or where the brothers have died) tend to achieve more highly. It seems as though the father "transfers" his ambitions for a son onto a girl in the family.

Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi and Golda Meir were all, in effect, brotherless: Mrs Gandhi had a young brother who died and Mrs Meir's four infant male siblings died (which tells us something about male infant mortality in Kiev in the 1890s).

As Alfred Adler long ago established, place in the family is significant, but so is sex. For the record, I am the last of four (two boys, two girls), born ten years after my nearest sibling.

From Mr Peter Sherry

Sir, I was intrigued to see amongst the list of "only children" in Valerie Grove's entertaining article, the names of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath, the elder of two boys, along with impresario Sir Cameron Mackintosh, the brother of theatrical agent Robert Mackintosh.

Yours faithfully, P. SHERRY, 109 Mildmay Road, Islington, NI.

From Mrs Jennifer Hording

Sir, Valerie Grove cites Roald Dahl as an only child. In fact, according to the family tree published in his Memories with Food ot Gipsy House (Viking, 1991), he was the second of four surviving children, and there were also two children by his father's previous marriage.

Yours faithfully JENNIFER HARDING. Roodenburgerstraat 5, 2313 HH Leiden, The Netherlands.

African influence on Ancient Greece

From Mr Peter Stockill Sir, Black history has gone too far if Afrocentrists believe that the ancient

Greeks obtained much of their wisdom from Black Africa ("The woman who defied political correctness", September 2). This re-writing of history is not new.
If the African-American academics

so critical of Mary Lefkowitz seek to bolster the position of black civilisation by appropriating Alexandria for themselves, they are shooting themselves in the foot. Alexandria was a Greek city: after all. Alexander himself was buried there. The ruling Ptolemaic dynasty was Greek, the first Ptolemy being Alexander's leading general

The Greeks were great seafarers, as is shown by their colonies around the Mediterranean. Hellenised Egypt was as much a part of the Greek world as Athens or Marseilles.

The Greeks would not have understood the idea of a conflict between Europeans and Africans. Theirs was a Mediterranean world, a melting pot of peoples predating the nation state which has plagued modern times.

The modern analogy is the cultural link between Europe and North America. Both are, the Afrocentrists notwithstanding, parts of Western civilisation, separated by the Atlantic. just as Greece and Egypt are separated by the Mediterranean. Greek triremes linked metropolitan Greece with Egypt, just as the Boeing 747 now links Europe with its North American offshoot.

By seeking to incorporate Alexan-dria into their world view the American Afrocentrists are inadvertently paying homage to Western civilisation. They are not so much writing history as creating a mythology — a Utopian golden age along the lines of Atlantis, another Greek idea.

Yours sincerely, PETER STOCKILL, 6 Brunner House. Langridge Crescent Berwick Hills, Middlesbrough. September 2.

From Professor Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones Sir, In the first pan of his article about my wife, Professor Mary Lefkowitz, Mr Michael Gove shows an excellent understanding of her reasons for criticising the contention of "Afro-

"stolen" from Africans. But in the last part of his article, which seems to me curiously personal, he shifts his ground, saying that some of my wife's critics believe she is actuated by a political conservatism which she has acquired from me. I am indeed a conservative, and politically rather to the right of my wife: I am too conservative to have "supported the Greek colonels' coup", as Mr Gove was misled into believing.

As Mr Gove in the first part of his article seems well aware, my wife has criticised "Afrocentrists" because she is a scholar, and thinks it wrong for students to be taught what is not true.

I am, Sir, yours, etc, HUGH LLOYD-JONES, 15 West Riding. Wellesley, MA 02t81, USA. September 3.

Travelling miserably

From Land Tugendhot

Sir. Last week 1 drove 636 miles on autoroutes from one end of France to the other without encountering a single cone. Many others must have had a similar experience during August. How far would it be possible to

drive on the British motorway system before running into roadworks? Not only travellers and transporters suffer from the inadequacies of our motorways but also those through whose towns and villages the excess traffic

Yours sincerely CHRISTOPHER TUGENOHAT. House of Lords.

At arm's length

From Mr J. A. Cooper

Sir. Surely Mr J. R. Thompson [letter, September 2: see also letters, September 5] asked for six yards of ribbon. settled for six metres but received 12

Yours sincerely, J. A. COOPER. Hexton Manor, Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire. September 2.

Top of their class

From Professor J. N. Adams, FBA

Sir. "Tomorrow sees the end, for now, of the school league-table season", writes John O'Leary (Education, August 30).

Those of us who are fans of this exciting new summer sport become rather depressed at the end of the season. Would it not be possible for The Times to provide a Schools Fantasy League to keep us going through the off-season?

Yours faithfully, J. N. ADAMS, University of Reading.



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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 6: The Duke of York today visited Dorset and was received by Major General Mark Bond (Vice Lord-Lieutenant). His Royal Highness this morn-

Regeneration Budget Project in Victoria Square, Portland, The Duke of York afterwards opened Outlooks, the Portland

ing visited the Portland Single

His Royal Highness later opened Brackenbury Infants' School and Community Nursery Unit, Portland.

The Duke of York this afternoon opened the Preston Beach Sea Defence Scheme, Weymouth. His Royal Highness afterwards opened Bridport Fire Station. September 6: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Final of the European Real Tennis Doubles Championships at The Queen's KENSINGTON PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 6: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Prince William School, Oundle, to open new buildings to celebrate the School's 25th Anniversary and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of onshire (Mr John

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, opened the new Wellingborough St John Am-bulance Headquarters, Knox Road, Wellingborough.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr John Baxter, Head Master, Wells Cathedral School, 57: Major Sir William Wrixon-Becher, 81; Professor Malcolm Bradbury, novelist, 64: Lord Charteris of Amisfield, 83; Mr Kevin Curran, cricketer, 37: Mr J. Paul Getty II, KBE, philan-thropist, 64; Mr Peter Gill, stage director, 57; Mr Christopher Green, former chief executive Green, former chief executive, English Heritage, 53: Miss M.G., Hampshire, former Principal, Chellenham Ladies College, 78: Miss Dianne Hayter, chief executive. European Parliamentary Labour Party, 47: Lord Jenkin of Roding, 70; Mr Elia Kazan, author, producer and director, 87: Mr Justice lan Kennedy, 66; the Marquess of Londonderry, 59; Sir Douglas Lovelock, former chairman, HM Board of Customs and Excise, 73; Professor Sir Brian Pippard, physicist, 76; Mr Gordon Richards, racehorse trainer, 66; Mr Michael Robbins, former president, Society of Antiquaries of London, 81; Sir Neil Shields. former chairman. Commission for the New Towns, 77; Major J. B. Smith, former Governor, Ford Prison, 63; Air Marsbal Sir John Whitley, 91: Mr Bruce Yardley,

cricketer, 49. TOMORROW: Miss Jeannett Altwegg, lee-skater, 66: Professor Sir Derek Barton, FRS. chemist. 78: Mr Graham Bradley, jockey, 36: Sir John D.K. Brown, company director, 83; Mr Ian Davidson, MP, 46; Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, composer, 62; Miss Anne Diamond, broadcaster, 42: Mr Michael Frayn, playwright, 63: Mr Anthony Frodsham, management consultant, 77; Mr John Garrett, MP. 65; Mr Fred Jarvis, trade unionist, 72; Sir Denys Lasdun CH, architect, 82; the Marquess of Lothian. 74; Mr Geoff Miller. cricketer, 44; Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Newman, 60: Mr Jack Rosenthal. playwright, 65; Sir Harry Secombe, comedian and singer, 75; Professor E.H. Sondheimer, malhematician, 73: Colonel James Stirling of Garden. Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk, 66: Dame Guinevere Tilney, former UK representative, UN Commission on Status of Women, 80; Mr A.B. Wilson, former Chief Commoner.

The Hon Simon Weinstock

A Memorial Concert for the Hon Simon Weinstock will be held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden on Friday, October 4, at 3pm. Admission will be by ticket only. Those wishing to attend should write to Mrs P. Newton, Stanhone Gate, London WIA IEH.

Service dinner

North Irish Horse Colonel J.F. Leslie presided at a dinner of the North Irish Horse Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Dunmore Camp, Belfast.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Oueen Elizabeth I reigned 1558-1603, Greenwich Palace, 1533: Clarence James Dennis Australian poet, 1876: Dame Edith Sitwell, poet, Scarborough, 1887; Laura Ashley, designer, Merthyr Tydfil, 1925; Buddy Holly, singer, Lubbock, Texas, 1936.

DEATHS: Catherine Parr. sixth wife of King Henry VIII, Sudeley Castle. Gloucestershire, 1548: John Armstrong, physician and poet, London, 1779; William Holman Hunt, painter, London, 1910; C.B. Fry, sportsman, London, 1956. The Russians were defeated by Napoleon at Borodino, 1812.

BIRTHS: King Richard I. reigned 1189-99, Oxford, 1157: Antonin Dvořák, composer, Nelahozeves, Czechoslovakia, 1841; Siegfried Sassoon, poet and novelist, Brenchley, Kent, 1886; Peter Sellers, actor, London, 1925.

DEATHS: Ann Lee, founder of the American sect of Shakers, Watervliet, New York, 1784; Faisol I, King of Iraq 1921-33, Berne, 1933; Richard Strauss, composer, Gar-misch-Partenkirchen, Germany, 1949: Keith Moon, rock drummer, London, 1978.

Johannesburg was founded, 1886. The first V2 flying bombs landed in Britain, 1944. Richard Nixon, former American President, was pardoned by President Ford over the Watergate

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Trustee of The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award, will join a gathering of award participants at the end of their pilgrimage to SI David's at St David's Comprehensive School, Pembrokeshire, at II.15; will attend a reception and luncheon at the Warpool Court Hotel at 12.30 to present award operating licences to all the new Wetsh Local Authorides: will attend a service in St David's Cathedral at 2.30 to mark 40 years of the award in Wales; and will visit the probation service award project at Tenby Court House at 4.35 and will vist the South Beach,

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a service of rededication and will lay B wreath at the Polish Air Force Association's memorial at RAF Northoli Bt 12.30.

International Council of Christians and Jews

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chairman of the ICCI Executive Committee presented to Mrs Mary Robinson, President of Ireland, the Gold Interfaith Medallion, which depicts Peace Through Dialogue, on Wednesday. On Thursday he spoke at the Queen's University in Belfast, and at the Northern Ire land Council of Christians and Jews. On Friday he addressed the Rotary Club of Belfast.



The sculptor Sir Anthony Caro has created this massive abstract from styrofoam for a former church that now houses artists' studios in north London. Forest will be officially unveiled today at the Florence Trust Studios

School announcements

Epsom College The Michaelmas Term begins tomorrow with 650 pupils at the College. We welcome the first girls starting at the age of 13, with the College going fully co-educational. Miss Debbie Hills is the first Housemistress. The new library is complete with an elegant and distinguished Interior created from the old gymnasium. There are 50 study spaces and links with all modern technology. The quad-rangle has also been redesigned. Mr Michael Walker becomes Housemaster of Robinson House, taking over from Mr Neil Laing. Dr Derek Misell takes over as Head of Physics on the retirement of Mr George Buckley. Mr Andy

in Charge of Rugby on the retire-ment of Mr Peler Benson, The Head of School for the term is Tom Heathfield School, Ascot Term begins today at Heathfield with Miss Elsa Williams taking up her appointment as Deputy Head.

Wolstenholme will be the Director

of Physical Education and Master

Anna-Louise Glancy is Head Girl and Eleanor Barrie Deputy Head Girl A Major Academic Scholarship for the VIth Form has been

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Vith Form Art Scholar is Soyploy Phanich. Vith Form Aca-demic Exhibitions have been awarded to Melissa Davison, Zoe McSwiney and Alice Telling. A VIth Form Science Exhibition has been awarded to Azrina Rashid. An Academic Exhibition on entry to Form I has been awarded to Dominique Lam (Bradbury Junior School, Hong Kong). Art Exhibitions on entry to Form II have been awarded to Alexandra Jaffray (Hanford School, Dorset) and Lou-

isa Penn (Beeston Hall, Norfolk). Assessment Day and Junior Scholarship entry examinations for September 1997 will take place on Saturday, October 19. Further details may be obtained from the Registrar. (01344 882955). Enquiries for entry to the Sixth Form in 1997 should also be made to the

There will be performances in school of Annie on November 21, 22 and 23, at 7.45pm, St Nicholas' Stalls will be held in the Sports Hall on Saturday, November 30, from 2,00pm. Parents, Old Girls and friends of the school are very welcome to attend

King's School, Bruton Term starts at King's School on

Monday, September 9. John Thompson (Banda School) is Head of School and John Packer (Wolborough Hill) is Captain of Rugby. Mr A.B. Leach is Deputy Headmaster and Mr G.J. Evans is Second Master, An Open Day will be held on Saturday, October 5, from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Girls Sixth Form Scholarships will take place on November 18 and 19. Term ends with the Carol Service on Friday, December 13. The School congratulates its Old

Boy Cricketers on winning the Brewers Cup final. King's College School,

Wimbledon Term began on Wednesday, September 4, at King's College School. Dr Christopher Ray took up the post of Director of Studies following the appointment of Mr Kenneth Durham as Headmaster of University College School, Mr Norman Isaacs, Head of Modern Languages until 1995, has retired after a long career at KCS. The Captain of School is James Butler and the Vice-Captain is Robert Whitwam. The Captain of Rugby is Douglas Law. During this academic year the school celebrates the centenary of its move from the College in the Strand to Wimbledon, A programme of spe-cial events has been arranged. details of which are available from the school (tel: 0181 255 5300). This term Never the Sinner, the school's production from the Edinburgh stival, will be performed in the Studio Theatre, September 12-14. The Gaudy for Old Boys who left between 1965 and 1969 is on September 21. A gala organ concert will take place on October 16. The Chamber Choir and Orchestra will tour Normandy, October 18-22, after a preview concert on October 10, Salomon Pavey, 2 collaboration with the National Youth Music Theatre, will be performed at SI James's Palace on October 24. The Chamber Choir will sing Evensong at the College in the Strand on November I. An orchestral concert will be performed at St James's, Piccadilly, on November 15. Drama includes The Happiest Days of Your Life, November 19-20, Don't Drink the Water, November 21-23, and the school play The Captain of Köpenick, December 3-6. The Christmas choral concert will be at St Martin-in-the-Fields on December 7 and term will end with the Carol Service in Guildford Cathe-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.E. Birchell

and Miss E.J. Burgess The engagement is announced between Paul Ellif, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Birchell, of Chelwood Gate, Sussex, and Emma Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Burgess, of Great Durnford, Wiltshire.

Mr S.M. Bulmer and Miss J.M. Sha

The engagement is announced between Stephen Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bulmer, of Woodsetts, Yorkshire, and Joanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Shannon, of Marylebone. London, Wl.

Dr W.J.E. Bort und Miss J.D. Trinkler

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr and Mrs A.W.A. Burt, of Kimbolton Cambridgeshire, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.U. Trinkler, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr M.G. Gillard and Mrs R.E. Woodhouse The engagement is announced between Malcolm George Gillard.

FRCC FRCCOG, and Rosemary Elizabeth Woodhouse, both of London Wl. Mr J.D. Hern

and Dr S. Ramachandran The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs David Hern, of Rothley. Leicestershire, and Sunita, only daughter of Dr and Mrs V, Rama chandran, of Bishop Auckland.

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Lihou, of Cosham, Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick France, of

Mr P.A.G. Lihou

Melbourne, Australia. Mr LR. Morris and Miss P.A. Goolding The engagement is announced between lain, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Morris, of Havwards

Heath, West Sussex, and Pippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Goulding, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol. Mr J.D. Perkins and Miss M.A. Kuttelwascher The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs

Doug Perkins, of Fort George,

Guernsey, and Marika, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jan Kunelwascher. of SI Peter Port, Guernsey. Dr H.G. Read and Dr E. Swallow

The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mr and Mrs RJ. Read, of Cromer Norfolk, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.S. Swallow, of Calverley.

Mr T.C.G. Ray

and Miss A.S. Bouvin The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr Eric Ray, of St Annes-on-Sea, Mr Eric Kay, of St Affres-Ort-sea, Lancashire, and Mrs Lois Ray, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Sofia, younger daughter of Herr and Fru Berndt Bouvin, of Malmkoping.

Mr P.E. Reynolds

and Miss B.M.C. Scott The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr Patrick Reynolds and Mrs Joan Reynolds. of Dublin, Ireland, and Brona. daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Crawford Scott. of Dublin. Ireland.

Mr N.J. Sanderson

and Miss S. Gaffney The engagement is announced between Neville, son of Professor G.N. Sanderson and Dr Lilian Passmore Sanderson, of Englefield Green, Surrey, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Gaffney, of Hillon, Derbyshire.

Marriages

Dr M.A.B. Crow and Miss A.M. Loveder The marriage tonk place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at The Friary, Chilworth, of Dr Michael Crow, son of the late Mr R.B. Crow and of Mrs K.P. Crow. to Miss Anne Loveder, daughter of Mr and

Mr W.P. Hopwood and Miss R.J. Clarke

Mrs P. Loveder.

The marriage took place on August 31, 1996, at Si John the Baptist Church, Aldford, of Mr Philip Hopwood, son of Mr and Mrs William Hopword, of Manchester, to Miss Rachel Clarke, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Clarke, of Aldford, Chester.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union Mr Michael Tanner, Dean of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, was the speaker at a literary dinner held last night in the Old Library of Pembroke College, Cambridge, as part of the English-Speaking Union 1996 cultural seminar. Mr John Gilrov also spoke.

Old Millhillians Club On Friday, September 20, 1996, the Club is pleased to be hosting the South West Dinner at The Colin Alkinson Pavilion, Somerset Cricket Club, Taunton, Principal guest speakers will be the Headmaster and the President of the Club. Old Millhillians wishing to attend should contact Roy Mills. Gull's Flight, Charberry Rise, Charmouth, Dorset, 01297 560578. for more information.

Church services tomorrow

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Fuch, D come ye servanis of the Lord (Tye), Stanford in a list & F. Let all mortal (lesh keep silence Bairstow); 3,30 Choral E, Noble in 8 minor, We wall for thy loving kindness (McKie).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MF: 9,15 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Sumsion, in F. Praeter return seriem (Josquin des Pres), Rt Rev K Pillar; 4 Choral E, Walmiskey in D minor, Ave marts stella (Manteverdi). OERBY CATHEORAL: 8 HC: (0.45 S Euch, Darke in F. Shall we not love thee, Mother dear (1.0le, Rev Basil: 6.30 Choral E. Noble in B minor, 1 walted for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev 1 Wipeleswin, Rev 1 Wigglesworth.

OURHAM CATHEDRAL B HC: IOM, Stanford in C, 1 sing of a malden (Hadley), Canon D Hodgson: 11.15 HC, Missa brevis (Falestrina), Canon R Coppin: 10 ID Annual Reunion: 3.0E & Commemoration of the Battle of Britain, Dyson in D. My soul there is a country (Parry), Rev R Mayland.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8,15 HC, Rev D Green: 10.305 Euch, Installation of Rev Dr R Hughes, Mozart in G, Ave Maria (Bruckner), the Deans 3.45 E with installation, Stanford in G, Totus trus sum Maria (Gorecki). BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M; 10.30 Euch, Oarke in F, Canon O Guilde; 4 Choral E. Ave Maria (Parsons), Canon A Hindley, SRECON CATHEDRAL: 8,11 Holy Euch, Missa (Hora Passa (Vladana), Canon N Hall: 3,30 E. Charles Wood in E flat no.1, Save us O Lord waking (Buirstow), Cadelrilan Bangor Cathedral: 8 Holy Euch: 9,45 Cymun Bendigaid; 11 Choral Euch, Sumston in F. O for a Closer walk with God (Stanford); 3,15 Choral E. Brewer in D. Praise thou the Lord D my soul (Statham); 5 Cymun Bendigaid. Installation, Stanford in G, Totus Itius sum Maria (Gorecki).

EXEKTER CATHEORAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Lord for thy lender mercy's take (aznon), Masri of Si Thomas (Thome). Ave verum corpus (Elgan). Preb P Avis: 11.15 M, Stanford in B Ital, How beautiful upon the moutazins (Stallard), the Treasurer; 3 E. Noble, Hymin to the Mother of God (Rachmaninovi; 6.30 E, Chants 253 & 257. My eyes for beauty pline (Howells), the Treasurer; Gilliopford Catherberal: B HC. Cannon Dr M Palmer; 9.45 & Euch, Missa Brevis in F K192 (Mozari, Ub) cartias (Durulé); Cannon Or M Palmer; 1.15 M, Jubilset in B Ital (Stanford), All the ends of the world (Boyod, the Deatr 6.30 E, Stewari in C sharp minor, D hearken thou (Eigar), Rev O Walbourne. inou the Lord D my soul (Statham); 5 Cymun Bendlgaid.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9:30 M & Admission of Headmaster & Kingr's Scholar, the Dean; 11 5 Euch, Spatzenmesse (Muzzur), ave Maria [Pecters], Rev J Peterson; 2:30 Holy Saptism: 3.15 E & Admission of Choristers, Wood in O, in you O woman full of grace (Tavener); 6:30 Compline, Rev D M Chandler.

CARLIALE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10:30 S Euch, Ireland in C. Ave Maria corpus (Elgar), Archdeacon D Tumhaill; 3 E. Sumsion in A. Ave maris stella [Grieg].

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; B HC, Canon B Thompson: 9:30 Euch, Canon O Knight: 11.15 S Euch, Darke in E. A Hymn to the Virgin (Britten), Canon S Thompson: 6:50 Forai E. Statham in E minor, Ave Maria (Bruckner), The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral E. Statham in E minor, Ave Maria (Bruckner), The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral E. Statham in D. Mary arose and journeyed (ar (Eccard); 6:30 E. Canon T Dennis.

CHECKETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Noble in B minor, Hall Queen of Heaven (Burgon), Rev J Mckechnie 11 S Euch, Sunsion in F. Alms redemploris mater (Palestrina), Ins. Sursalis (Palestrina (Eigar), Rev O Walbourne.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC, 12.30; 9.30
S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), I sing of e malden (Berseley), the Chancelor; 11.15 M, Stalham in D, Ireland in F, Salve regime (Palestrina); 3.45 E, Jackson in D, Ave Mara (Palestrina); 3.45 E, Jackson in D, Ave Mara (Palestrina); 3.45 E, Jackson in D, Ave Mara (Parsons), Canon J Day.
LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8, 12.15 Holy Euch, Rev M Tomiliason; 9 Parish Euch, Rev M Tomiliason; 19 Euch, Wood in the Phryglan Mode, Lord for thy tender mercy's sake (Partania), the Canon; 3.30 Chorai E, Short Service (Byrd), Behold O God our defender (Blow); 6.30 Parish Euch & Sermon, Rev Dr J Baldwin. (Parsons).
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: 8 HC;
10 M & Sermon. Canon Ward; 11.15 B Euch.
Messe en Sol (Poulenc). Bogordisse Pyero (Rachmaninov). the Archdeacon: 6 E. Howells in B
minor, Blessed City (Bairstow).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. a
Communion: 10.30 Euch. Stanford in C d F. Ave
Maria (Stravinsky). Magnificatin F (Dyson). Sis L
Byrne; 3 German Lutherans; S.30 E. Ave Maria
(Stravinsky). Purcell in E minor.

BARGWIN.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; (0.30 5 Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), the Archdeacon: 2.30 Broughton House 80th anniversary; 6.30 EP, Noble in B minor, D praise that Lord (Battern). NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7,30 M: 8 HC, the Provost: 9,30 S Euch. Canon B Langley. the Provost: 6 Choral E.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL 8.15 HC: 9.30 M. Te Deuri, In G (Surnsion), Jubilate (Shephard); 10:30 Euch, (reland in C, Ave Maria (Parsotis); 3:30 E, Watson in E, Mater Salutaris (Dalby). PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL 8 Each: 9.30
Parish Euch sung to Mass for a Saint's day
(Jackson), Prayer of St Patrick (Rutter), the Dean;
1.30 M, Stanford in C, Ave Maria (Victoria); 11.30 M, Stanford in C, Ave Maria (Victoria);
11.30 Euch: 3 Holy Baptising, 5.30 E & Licensing,
Noble in B minor, I heard the voice of Jesus say
(Balnes), Canoon P Marshall.
ROCHESTER: CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M,
reland in F, Di these lour letters sing will I of
Mary (arr Woody; 10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C. Tota
pulchra es Maria (Durufle), Canon G Oliver; 3.15
E. Somston in G, Ave Maria (Bruckner).
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon O a soutston in G, Ave Maria (Bruckner).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: B HC, Canon O Slater, 10 Euch, Missa Petre ego pm le rogavi (Lobo), Ave Regina Cociorum (Guerrero), Ri Rev J Waller 11.30 M, Te Deum and Jubiliac in C (Britten), Hear my proyer D Lord (Purcel); 3 E. Collegium Regale (Howells), Let all the world (Leighund). SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Euch, Missa Srevis (Berkeley), 1 sing of a maiden (Berkeley); 11.45 Test for the Cay, 6.30 Festal E & Sermon. Rubbra in A flet, Ave Maria (Bruckner), the Bishop. the Bishop.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch, Rev H
Cunlifie. 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F. Ave Maria
(Parsons), 1 sing of a maideo (Haddey), Rev D
Aldinson; 3 Choral E. Stanford in 8 flat, Hymne
à la Vierge (Villetie), the Provost. TRURO CATHEDRAL 8 HC. 9 M: 10 S Euch, Jackson in G. 1 sing of a maiden (Berkeley). Canon A Matthew. 6 E. Codeglum Regale (Howells), We pruise thee D God (Stanford), the WAREFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon G Naim-Briggs: 9.15 Parish Communion. Commissioning of Children's Workers. Ibe Provost. 1: 1 Splemn Buch, Missa Asterna Christi munera (Palestrina). Rev A Jannings: 6.30 Choral E. Nolse in 8 minor, Totus ruus Goreeki, Canon G Naim-Briggs. Chonal E. Noble in B minor, Tous russ Goreek, Canon G Naim-Briggs.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.45 B Buch. Oarke In F. II ye lovering (Fallisk, Rev P 6e N Lucas; 11.30 M. Stanford in B flat. O thou the central orb (Wood); 3 E & Installation. Wood in D, Ave Maria (Parsons). Ven R Evens.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC.: 10 M. Te Deum In C (Boyce), Ave Maria (Bruckner), Canon A Harvey; 11.15 Euch. Missa Brevis in D K194 (Mozari). D Lord increase my Raith (Loosemore). Hymn in the Mother of God (Tavener), Canon A Harvey; 3 E, Canticles in B flat (Purcel), Ave Maria (Parsons). Rev C Marnham; SAS Duet

Recita; 6:30 E. Rev J Goodall.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 10:30 Solemn M.
MISSA brevis in F Kija: IMocarti, Ave Maria
Gruccheel, Ne timens Marin (Victorial, Fariasia
& Toccats in O minor (Stanford): 3:30 Solemn V
& B. Magnificat tertil toni ide Moniel, Canique
de Jean, Racine (Faure). Ave maris stella HOUTHERITER 4.30 RECIAL
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.30 M.
Jubilate (Short Service) (Weelkes). Ds. Justi
(Bruckner). Rev Pmi J Barton; 11.30 Euch, Missa
Osculator me [Lassus]. Circumdederuni me
dolores (Padillals 3.30 E. Loving shepherd of thy
sherp (Rutter). Walmisley in D minor,
Archdeacon of Basingsioke. Archdeacon of Basingsioke.

YORK MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC: 10 S Euch, Mass in five parts (Byrd). Ave Maris (Parsons). Rev I. Stanbridge; 11,30 M. Noble in B minor, 4 E. Brewer in D minor, Ave Maria (Bruckner). Rev R Metculle. Metchie.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL. Chwyd: 8 HC: 11 Choral
M. Ireland In F. Behold the Tabernacle of God (Harris), Very Rev K. Goulstone: 3.30 Choral E. Stantord In C., the Very Rev K. Goulstone. ST GILES CATHEORAL Edinburgh: 8,10 Momins Hc. Gloria in Excelsis (Schubert), the Minister, 11-30 Moming, Awake the Harp (Haydn), the Minister, 6 St Glies at Sla, Secilal; 8 Evening, Rev K Watson. Evening, Rev R Watson.

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL Old Aberdeen: 11
Morning. Let thy mettiful ears (Weelkes). O
praise God (Whyte), Rev R Frazer.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL London: 8 HC: 8.45 M;
11 S Euch, Missa Ave maris stella (Victoria). Tota
pulchra et Maria (Bruckner), Rev J Lees; 3.15 E.
Sumsion in G. Ave Maria gratia piena (Parsons).
ALL BOULS, Langham Place, WI; 9 Communion; ALL SOULS, Langbam Place, WI: 9 Communion; 11 Communion, Rev R Tice; 6.30 Young Musicians of Romania, Rev A Rider. MISSA SCHOPTION, WARWICK Street, WI: 11
Missa scterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Let
my prayer come up (Blow), Regina Coeli
(Soriano). my prayer come up (alow), kegina coen (soriano). CROWN COURT CHURCH DF 8COTLAND. CWERT GATGER, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev S Hood. THE ORATORY, Srompton Road, SWT: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa brevis in F (Mozard), Tota polchra es María (Bruckner) 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass: 3.30 V & B. O SOCHUTI CONVIVER (D'EVY). ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Cales, WE: 11 Holy Mass, Archibishop Y Gizirian. WESLETS CHAPEL City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC: 11 MOTHING Rev DT L Grilliths
WESTENINSTER CENTRAL HALL [Methodist), SWI: 11 Rev DT P Graves; 6.30 Rev S Lucas, ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, Queensgate: Missa

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran). Gresham SE EACHTOLOME WITHE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Ireland in F, Internerata Del Mater (Ockephem), The Rector, 6,30 Choraf Euch, Missa O quamr gloriosum (Victoria), Ave Maria (Victoria), ihe Rector. Maria (Victoria), the Rector.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral M. Te Deum a Jubilaie (Britien in C). When Mary Ihrough the garden weri (Stanford), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Poni Street, SWI: 11, 6,30 Rev W Cairns ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Piace, 11 S Mass, Mass in G (Weber), Beata es Virgo (Victoria), Lauda Sion (Victoria). Sion (Victoria). ST GEDRGE'S, Hanover Square, WI: 8.30 HC: II S Euch, Shon Service (Tailis), the Rector. ST JAMES'S, Swisex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch: 10.30 S Euch, Mass Ior 4 volces (Bytd). Ave Verum Corpus (Bytd), Rev B Wilson: 6 E, Congregational Singing. Singing.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev O Reeves: 5.45 EP.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC. 4.45 Family Communion: 11 S Euch, Darke in E. A pure river of water of life Indout). Rev T Jones. ST MARGARETS. Westminster. SW! 11 S Euch Mass in Tour parts (Byrd), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), SIs H Markey.

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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch, Rev C Herbert: 11.30 Visitors, the Vicar; 2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee: 5 Choral E: 6.30 Evening, Rev J Vanler.

ST MARTY ABBOTS CHURCH, Keusington W8: 8.12.30 HC: 9.30 Partsh Euch, Rev F Gelli: 11.15 Cboral M, the Vicar: 6.30 E.

ST MARTYS, Bourne Street, SW1: 9.10.7 LM. [1] HM. Missa Cantabo Domino (Viadanai, Fr B Scott: 6 Solemn E & Solemn R.

ST PAILES, Willon Place, SW1: 9.10.7 LM. [1] HM. Missa Cantabo Domino (Viadanai, Fr B Scott: 6 Solemn E & Solemn R.

ST PAILES, Willon Place, SW1: 9.9 HC: 11 Solemn Euch, Darke In A, D how glorious Is the kingdom (Harwood). Turn back D man (Holsil, Rev N Dawson.

ST SIMDN ZELOTTES, Milner St, SW3: 11 MP, Ave Maria (Areadett), Collegium Regale (Howells). Joys Seven (Cleobury), Rev R Ballard.

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GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audiey Street; W1: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells), Hymnie & la Vierge (Villerte), Enrinssia in G (Bach), Rev S Hoabs.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Sing unio God (Tetelr), My Soul there is a country (Parry), Band of the Life Guards, Rev L Bryan: 12 HC.

BOYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Sumston in F. Verily I say unio you (Taills).

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PERSONAL COLUMN

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8,9.30 HC: 10.30 M, Gray in A. Now the God of peace (Knight); 6.30 Parish E. Blessed city heavenly Salem (Bairstow).

While daylight lasts we must carry on the work of him who sent me: night is com-	BIR
ing, when no one can work. John 9 : 4 (REB)	ROSEL
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BIRTHS	STEW
CHEMS - On 31st August 1996	pozn
at The Portland Hospital, to loyce (nee Ip) and Walki, a	Eose.
lovely son, Jamie Siu Leung, e brother for Cassandra Hoi	ST JOI
San. CLEAVE - On September 4th	Alexa For C
1996, to Annabel and Roger, e son, Benjamin John Backer,	
DIXDN-NUTTALL - On 4th September, to Amanda (née	DÉA
Blake) and Tim, e daughter, Ella Jennifer.	DEA
ELDERFIELD - On September	BARBU
3t6 at The Portland Hespital, to Sammle and	10th Nice,
Malcolm, a wonderful son, Oliver, a brother for Emily,	of Pr
Hannah and Christopher. FIZSIMONS - On 29th August	Of (Don
1996 at The Portland	Vz) frien
Hospital, to Susan (see Bull) and Gerard, a precioes son,	BRASS
James Matthew. FOOT - On 5th September, to	belo: Anth
Sarah (née Cocop) and	and r
Blmon, e son, Frederick James Augustus (Freddy).	all w
GLAYSHER - On 3rd September in Chicago, to Toby and Sam,	at W
e son, Matthew Alexander Czalg, a brother for Tabitha.	Beace NW1
GREGORY - On Angust 28th at	Septe
Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Tracy and Alan, a	Sudd

Benjamin.

MUREN - On 29th August at the
Einstein Hospital, Sao Paolo,
Smell, to Kim and Nicholas,
twin daughtens, Estle Mac
and Florence Amy.

NOZWIAK - On 4th September
1996, to Samantha (née
Glichrist) and Simon, e son,
Toby Lucien, e brother for

THS ART - On 31st August, n to Chris and Mair, e utiful baby girl, Bethan e, e sister for Alex. THS

HAYES - Snddenly, on 5th September in Devises Hospital, Richard Teylor Hayes, dearly loved busband of Marto, father of Clare and or Marco, rather of Clare and Tosas and atopYather of Charles, William and James. Funeral at 12 noon on Tuesday 10th September at Semington Cremetorium, near Melksham. Family Howers only. MR- Delphine Helene on h Angust pescefully in a, France. Granddaughter Professor Paul Barbler of diff University, daughter Georgan and Nau ncan) Barbler, sister of Barblor and beloved pd of Billie Condon. Barhlor and beleved pd of Billie Condon.

S - Jean (née Gordon), over dwife of the late bony Brass, sadiy passed by 4th September, 1996, will be sorely missed by who knew and loved her, semi Servica will be held Willsséen Comatery, conscielé Road, London 10, on Sondey Bth tember at II am.

PPEL/WILLIAMS PEL/WILLIAMS CHAPPELIVAMS
Suddenly at home in
Rumson, New Jercey, on
Wednesday 4th September,
Floza, 37, beloved whe of
Christopher and derling
mother of Tyler and Office. A
much toward danghtar of
Roger Williams and Lindsay
Elliott, and adored visuer of
Robert Anne Inhibits and

meer Melksham. Family flowers only.

LEES-On 4th September, Faith (née Jessiman), beloved wife of Tom; mother, grandmother, apiritnei mother end frisand to handrads. Fanaral on Thursday 12th September at 11 am et Lytchett Minster, followed by cremetion. Memorie! Service will hopefully be in Salisbury Cathedral in early November, data to he ennounced later. Flowers welcome, also domations to Holton Lee (East Holton Charity).

LE-VAILLANT - John "Jack" noncon Lee (East Solton Charity).

LE-WAILLANT - John "Jack"
Douglas Le-Walllant O.B.E., PRICAS, pescarully at home on Septamher 5th 199d. Much loved husband of June, and devoted father of the late Simon, and Nigel and denghtsr-in-lew Nikki. Fumeral Service in be held at Bt Mary's Parish Church, Thakeham on Friday September 13th at 2 pin followed by e privata cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if 6estred, to Marie Carle Foundation do HD. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Stassen BH2O 4DZ, telt (01903) 742585. Robert, Anne, Dehbie and Andy.
CRAGG - John Anthony aged 84 peacefully on September 4th, beloved hoeband, fethar, grandfathet end hrother. Funeral Service 11.45 am September 11th at St Poter's Church, Bridgo, Canterbury, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Leuksemia Research Fund of Mr D. Osborne, 43 Great Ormond Street, WCIN 3].

DEATHS

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John Cheek, former member of the Legislative Cooncil of the Falkland Islands, died to Port Stanley from cancer on September 3 aged 56. He was born on November 18, 1939.

he Falklands were fortunate that John Cheek was in Britain on a course for Cable and Wireless, for whom he worked as an engineer, when Argentina launched us invasion of the islands in April 1982. A fifth generation Falklander, he soon came to symbolise the determination of the islanders to remain British. Not only in London but also in the councils of the United Nacons in New York, where he and his wife became familiar figures, he was a forceful proponent of an armed response to Argentine aggression.

Indeed, his robust reaction to the invasion, through his participation in the Falklands information campaign in London, perhaps helped to soffen the resolve of a Briosh Government which in the very first moment of the crisis seemed uncertain about what to do. Later, at the UN, these same qualities impressed the Americans who, while instinctively sympathetic to the British predicament, were at the same time naturally hesistant to be seen to be helping Britain against a fellow member of the Organisation of American States. Cheek's unassuming persona - very much that of the homely islander — appearing on American television at the height of the crisis, compelled sympathy from viewers and made life easier for Britain's professional diplomats, Sir Nicholas Henderson in the Washington Embassy and Sir Anthony Parsons in the United Nations Security Council.

During the period of the Argenone occupation Cheek's frequent broadcasts of encouragement and hope on the BBC World Service's Colling the Falklands programme did much to sustain the spirit of the islanders in the period before it became evident that Britain both could and would punish the aggressors.

After the campaign to retake the Falklands had been brought to a successful conclusion in June 1982. Cheek played an influential role in the government and economic development of the islands. He always stood for maintaining the link with Britain. while working for constitutional reform to give the islanders more say in their own government.

But he urged vigilance against too great an economic dependence on

Admirai José Toríbio

Merioo Castro, former

Commaoder-in-Chief of

the Chilean Navy and

member of the

Government junta, 1973-

90, died in Valparaiso on

August 31 aged 80. He

was born on December

14, 1915.

IT WAS always Jose Merino's

proud boast that he and not

General Pinochet was the

architect of the military coun-

which overthrew the country's

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was only second-in-command

of the Chilean Navy during the last year of Allende's Popular Unity Government.

Merino sidelined his own

commander-in-chief and

spurred the Army and Air

Force chiefs into the action

which led to years of military

dictatorship under Pinochet.

In doing so he ushered in an

era of human rights abuses -

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JOHN CHEEK



John Cheek, left, and other Falklanders, put the islands' case at a London press conference in May 1982

Argentina, especially in terms of transport links and food and fuel supplies, to which he ascribed the situation that had led to the invasion in the first place. When last year's historic oil agreement with Argentina was being negotiated he stressed that while Argentina continued its claims to the Falklands, contacts with the country could be only those which would be normal between neighbouring states with common economic interests, and could not be seen to be compromising the sovereignty of the Falklands.

John Cheek was born at Hill Cove, a remote area of West Falkland, moving to the capital, Stanley, at the age of seven, to go to school there. He joined the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey, the forerunner of the British Antarctic Survey, as a radio operator, and weot to Antarctica at the age of 20. At a time when it was difficult for

young islanders to get away to the outside world to obtain further educa-

ful even by the degraded standards of South American

political life in those times.

tion he paid his own way through technical college at Colwyn Bay, North Wales, to qualify as a Merchant Navy radio officer. He returned to the Falklands in 1966 to work in the government radio station, transferring to Cable and Wireless in 1974.

He was first elected to the Falklands Legislative Council in 1981 and reelected in 1985. But with two fellow councillors he resigned on a point of principle over agricultural grants in 1989. But he was again elected to the legislature and in October last year was voted onto the Executive Council. He resigned only a day or two before his death from cancer, an illness he bore with great fortitude as he made the 16,000-mile round trip to Britain for

Besides his work in government, he pioneered Falklands participation in the fishing industry, the bedrock of the islands' new-found prosperity in recent years since the creation of the islands'

conservation zone, and was a member of the islands oil management team. In 1987, with a former fellow legislative councillor, he formed the Falklands' first island-owned fishing company, Fortuna, and was a founder of the islands' chamber of commerce.

The islanders sent him a dozeo times as their spokesman to the United Nations to argue their right to selfdetermination and to counter Argentina's claim of sovereignty. Over the years he more than held his own in protracted debate against powerful and frequently supercilious - Argenand frequently supercilious — Argentine delegations, often headed by their Foreign Minister and frequently outnumbering the Falklands' two-member delegation by twenty to one. Whether on the diplomatic stage or In his working life, John Cheek exemplified the rugged, down-to-earth qualities of the typical Falkland Islander.

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He is survived by his wife Jan, and his two daughters.

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was Pinochet. Chief of the Army Staff, who emerged as

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rewarded with the command

of the Navy, supplanting Ad-

CHRISTINE PASCAL

Christine Pascal, French actress, scriptwriter and director, committed suicide on August 30 aged 42. She was born oo November 29, 1953.

CHRISTINE PASCAL occupied a singular position in French cinema, combining the roles of actress, writer and director with rare commitment and rigour. "To finish a film," she once said, "you need total certitude in your own genius. This is more difficult for a woman."

Her third film, Zanzibar (1988), casts a savage eye over the moral laxity of her profession. "I cannot bear false reladonships, cheating with other people," she later declared in connection with film world mores.

As a director, Pascal herself was neither an outeur nor really a maker of popular films. She described herself, not without irony, as an actress from the "commercial" cinema, who wanted to touch a wide audience, but without artistic sacrifices: "I want to make masterpieces, but I think it is possible to make masterpieces that people will actually see."

She was born in Lyons. It was there that she was offered her first acting role by Bertrand Tavernier in L'Horloger de Saint-Paul in 1973. The following year, she starred as a young Jew in Les Guichets du Louvre, Michael Mitrani's film about the Vel D'Hiv, the Paris velodrome in which French police held Jewish citizens rounded up during the Nazi occupation. Then, in 1975, she was noticed for her portrayal of a rebellious Regency prostitute, in Que la Fête Commence (1975), another Tavernier film. These remain her best-known roles.

It was Tavernier, too, who encouraged Pascal to write, and together they scripted his next film, Les Enfonts Gatés (1977), in which she also starred. She was later to work with such directors as Andrzej Wajda, Claude Miller and Diane Kurys, but it may well be that her uncompromising character and growing involvement in directing and writing made some think twice about casting her. As a director, certainly, Pascal left very little to chance, preferring structure to improvisation; she needed to feel in control. Félicité, Pascal's directorial



mix of explicitness and confession. Pascal was never one to draw back from the description of sexual pleasure or other, darker feelings: Félicité opens, in fact, with a suicide, that of the brother of the heroine played by Pascal.

The exploration of raw emotional struggle continued in her second film, Garce (1984), in which a young woman (Isabelle Huppert) is raped twice in seven years by the policeman she falls in love with (Richard Berry).

Her greatest critical and popular success came with Le Petit Prince a dit (1991), for which she won the Prix Louis Delluc. Ostensibly the least confessional of her films, it is about a man and a woman whose tattered relationship is mended by their shared concern for a daughter dying of a brain turmour. It was, she said, very much a film about the effects of Aids: "It's terrifying no society can live with something like that." More obscurely, Pascal insisted that the film was a metaphor for father, who, she said, "is the first man to betray a young girl". And, as she told Cohiers du Cinėma, it was with her young heroine that Pascal most identified - "her gravity, her demands, her moral outlook which judges her parents".

With Adultere mode d'emploi (1995), Pascal re-turned to the frank and sometimes cruel observation of the modern couple. In spite of its intelligence and perspicacity, however, the film was given a mixed reception.

Bertrand Tavernier evoked Christine Pascal's "incredible energy and élan" but also her "destructive fragility". She herself made no secret of her pessimism. In 1984 she stated that she wished to die "by suicide, when the moment comes". Since the middle of August she had been having treatment at a psychiatric clínic outside Paris; it was there that she jumped from a window to her death.

She is survived by her husband, the Swiss producer Robert Boner.

GREG MORRIS

Greg Morris, actor, died from cancer oo August 27 aged 61. He was born oo September 27, 1934.

GREG MORRIS was one of the first black actors to break into television drama when he played the electronics expert Barney Collier in the Sixties American series Mission: Impossible. Tacitum but clever. Collier provided the convoluted technical wizardry required to stage the minutely timed espionage operations of the IMF (Impossible Missions

Force). Collier spent most of his life confined to the back of the windowless iMF van in the series, staring intently at screens which monitored bugging devices, while his athleoc colleagues scaled the walls of lift shafts. He had few lines, but that had the benefit of allowing the memorable theme tune to be played in the

background.
In reality Morris was hopeless at electronics and loved sport. He was born in Cleveand, Ohio, and went to the John Adams High School. where having grown to 6ft 3in, he became a natural for basketball. After National Service he won a basketball scholarship to Ohio State University, then moved on to the University of Iowa, where he began to act.

After more stage work in Seattle, he moved to Hollywood in the early 1960s.



Sidney Poitier had already been cast on film as a romantic black lead actor. But the television producers were holding back, reluctant to upset their sponsors who, in their turn, depended on the goodwill of white audiences across the country, including the openly prejudiced South. The occasional attempt to show blacks and whites as friends or lovers on screen resulted in an overwhelmingly hostile postbag. In 1965 Bill Cosby's I Spy became the first television drama series to feature a black man on equal footing with a white.

It was Morris who inadvertently prepared the ground for I Spy through an episode of The Dick Van Dyke Show. Morris was introduced into one episode as the father of the baby whom Dick Van Dyke

had mistakenly taken home from the hospital. For the first time viewers seemed genuine-ly pleased to see a dignified portrayal of a black character. When Cosby's show was suggested to producers a little while later, in the aftermath of Van Dyke's posiove experience, it was swiftly adopted.

Morris appeared in several films, and in episodes of Ben Casey and The Fuginie, before, in 1966, he landed the part of Collier in Mission; Impossible. The programme ran for seven years, making Morris, after 172 hour-long episodes, a heart-throb in America, Britain and France.

He set up his own production company and began making programmes. None of these came to much, and after appearing in Vegas during the late 1970s, Morris, like the IMF's taped instructions, seemed to self-destruct. A car crash was followed by cancer. alcoholism and marriage breakdown, though recently Morris claimed to have renounced his worst habits.

His son Phil followed his father into acting. In 1988 he played Grant Collier, Barney's son, in a television revival of Mission: Impossible. Morris rightly regarded the recent feature film version of the series as an abomination, and when he went to see it, he walked out after 40 minutes. He is survived by his son and two daughters, his marriage having ended in divorce.

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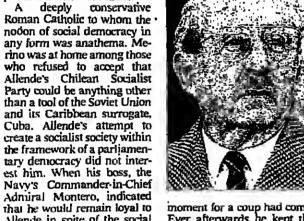
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miral Montero. Leigh was ousted from the junta in 1978. proving the predominant strength of the Army. Merino remained the only man capable of dealing with Pinochet on nearly equal terms. Both were ruthlessly determined to suppress dissent. Thousands of critics of the regime and their families disappeared.
On the posiove side, Merino played a part in the rebuilding of the economy, calling on a former naval comrade, Roberto Kelly, who had already formed a group of young technocrats, known as the "Chicago Boys" since many of them had been educated at the University of

Chicago. These were brought progressively into government to construct a new free market economy. Some progress had been made in this direction, at least, by the time the dictatorship collapsed into the moral vacuum it had created beneath it, in 1990, setting the country on the road back towards democracy. Both Pinochet and Merino

left office in 1990, the former providing for the immunity of iunta members from prosecution for their crimes against their countrymen. Merino spent his last years in a sunny retirement, playing golf and keeping up innumerable hobbies. He is survived by his wife Margarita and by three daughters.

MOUNTAINEERING IN 1909.

Our aim was to cross the ridges of the Tacul and the Maudit so as to reach the Col de la Brenva and finish the ascent of Mont Blanc by the Mur de la Côte now, in spite of its length, a popular expedition. We struck up diagonally across the face, aiming to hit the ridge a little to the left of a projecting rock. The snow was infamous, not soft, but deep and powdery. The schrund was large. Joseph built a ladder with the axes up its upper lip, and with a shoulder was soon at an anchorage above. I was awake enough to wonder how I was going to arrive without the shoulder when Casimir was kneeling on my head. I had a vision of a crampon spike in my brain. and then he, too, landed successfully. My task was, as usual, simple and passive, and I soon found myself on the top-most axe, the wrong way up, and trying to pull the bottom axe out of its hole. This is an exercise compared to

ON THIS DAY

September 7, 1909

Although opinion in Courmayeur was that the season for climbers had been the worst since 1860, these optimists among whom the author was the least experienced — set off undismayed.

It must have been when we reached the ridge that the chance of defeat became present to our minds. Certainly it was here that the wind first smote us. The slopes of the two mountains made a funnel through which the wind, pent up. beat us with redoubled vigour and still we pressed on. At last, halfway up the Maudit a serac and the lip of a crevasse gave us enough protection. We took a long halt, for we had five and a half

what even the restrained style of the climbers' guide calls "a very steep snowslope", and beyond, the wild tumbling of the racing clouds, playing a mad leapfrog and somersault game down the pinnacles of Mont Maudit. It is a very steep snow-slope; so steep, as the drifting powdery snow exaggerated its angle. that I cannot imagine how snow can lie at such an angle. This was not a day for trifles. Once more we hoped for some shelter in the descent to the head of the Corridor. Once more we were more than disappointed. From this point onwards the loy of the morning passed into unutterable toil. The shricking wind beat us to its knees, sucked out our breath. shook us like naughty children, stilled an instant, and then struck us across the face with his infernal artillery, the flying scraps of ice and snow. He tore my handkerchief from my head, and whirled it high up and then down towards Italy. Rage came upon me that I

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Runcie feared gay clergy

■ Lord Runcie feared the influence of homosexuals in the Church of England and was concerned that they might stab him in the back, according to a controversial biography of the former Archbishop of Canterbury. The book portrays him as permanently wary of gay clergy. "I've enjoyed their friendship, but I've always been conscious that they might stab me in the back because I wasn't one of them," he said Page I; Weekend, page I

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■ President Yeltsin came under growing pressure to step down and appoint a replacement to run Russia while he undergoes heart surgery. The prospective candidate is Viktor Chernomyr-.Pages 1, 17 din, the Prime Minister...

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Gerry Adams has thrown his weight behind a campaign by na-

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Treasure, worth £1.5 million, re-

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Court rejected sections of the post-

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The vice-chairman of Chelsea, John Major's favourite soccer club, who is donating £1 million to the Labour party said Tony Blair was the man to take Britain into the Millennium ...

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A threat by New Forest rangers to ban commercial picking of mushrooms has provoked an outcry from residents

Elite in Dad's Army

Survivors of a wartime force trained as resistance fighters in the event of German occupation are to receive medals Page 7

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■ The Miss Italy contest has been hit by a row over whether a black beauty, Denny Mendez, should be excluded. One judge said: "A black girl cannot possibly represent Italy, because the women of this country all have white skins Pages 16, 23

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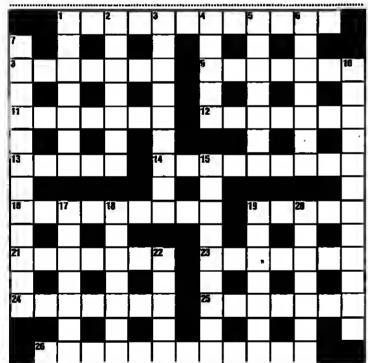
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be largely dry apart from northern and eastern parts of Scotland, where there will be occasional drizzle. Temperatures a degree or so lower than

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Firth: Rather cloudy with occasional drizzle. Wind northeasterly light. Max 16C (61F). NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shet-

land: Rather cloudy with outbreaks of drizzle or light rain. Wind light, mainly northeasterly. Max 15C (59F).

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7 1996

Morgan Grenfell outflow tops £180m

By Robert Miller

NERVOUS investors have again withdrawn tens of millions of pounds from three European Morgan Grenfell funds at the centre of an international

About £70 million was cashed in yesterday in addition to the £114 million aken out on Thursday when dealings in the funds began again after a three-day suspension. A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell, which is owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, said the outflow of money was "slowing down". Morgan Grenfell has said no investor

will suffer losses. However, a full-page advertisement in newspapers today. intended to reassure private investors, makes no mention of compensation.

Deutsche Bank has taken on to its own books the unquoted securities held by the Morgan Grenfell funds at a cost of £180 million. It may have to pay out at least as much again in compen-sation to some of the 90,000 investors who were attracted to the funds by an apparently exemplary performance track record that lasted until the start of this year.

The investigation by the Investment

tion (Imro) seeks to establish when the alleged irregularities over unquoted securities bought by Peter Young, the manager of two of the Morgan Grenfell funds who was suspended on Monday, began. Stuart Mitchell was yester-day appointed as the new manager to

European Capital Growth fund. Investigators are looking into a series of companies, including the Luxembourg-based Russ Oil & Technology, many of which were set up through Wiler & Wolf, a Swiss law firm, in July last year apparently on the instructions of Mr Young.

the European Growth unit trust and

As The Times reported yesterday, Imro officials are investigating allega-tions that Mr Young, whose assets have been frozen under a High Court order, used warrants in Xavier Mines, a Canadian drilling company, to secure a loan for all or part of the recent purchase of his £400,000 house

in Amersham, Buckinghamshire. As the Imro inquiry continues, the Serious Fraud Office is keeping a watching brief on developments.

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Prior says sorry to Simpson over pay

GEORGE SIMPSON, the new managing director of GEC, yesterday received a public apology from Lord Prior, the company's chair-man, for the "embarrassment" caused by the public outcry over his pay package, potentially worth up to £10 million over five years.

Addressing the company's annual meeting in London yesterday Lord Prior said that the company had poorty organised Mr Simpson's arrival to the board. "I don't think we have handled this matter very tidily at all and I very much regret the embarrassment caused to Mr Simpson," he said.

Mr Simpson, dubbed "the fattest cat of all" after details of his proposed remuneration were made public, was formally elected managing director yesterday. Shareholders threatened to revolt by voting against his appointment until GEC labled a revised pay package toning down the generous options of the initial offer.

The final deal offers Mr Simpson £500,000 up front, with a basic annual salary of £600,000 and annual pension contribution of £300,000. He will potentially enjoy two bonus

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Lord Prior said the package was not generous, and broadly in line with the pay offered to other chief executives. Asked why details of the

package had not featured in the annual accounts, he said that Mr Simpson had agreed to join GEC before the details of his pay were finalised.

"He just took in on trust that we would make a reasonable offer for him and he was justified in so doing," he said. Pirc, the corporate gover-

nance watchdog, remains opposed to the package. Anne Simpson, Pirc's joint manag-ing director, said: "We find it very hard to believe that Mr Simpson left Lucas without knowing what was on offer at GEC. The problem was that shareholders also took it on trust that the board would make a reasonable offer, which it now admits that it failed to do." She added that if Mr Simpson had accepted the job before the pay was finalised, GEC should have secured a better deal.

Pire also accused GEC of violating guidelines in the Cadbury report by letting its finance director sit on the audit committee. She also accused GEC of breaking the Greenbury report allowing a share-related bonus scheme.

Lord Prior replied that he disagreed with Greenbury on these maners and added that GEC was not going to "die in a ditch" by its failure to comply with them.

Lord Weinstock, the outgoing managing diretor, reinforced Lord Prior's comments, attacking the Greenbury and Cadbury reports. He said shareholders should be the real regulators of executive pay, adding that investors who had doubts about company directives should sell their shares. He also said the current changes in corporate governance would create anragonism between non-executive and executive directors. He said: "Executive directors should be supported by non-

executives. He added that the changes might destroy the trust that must exist between shareholders and people who run their company." His speech was met with a standing ovation.



Sarah Gregory, marketing manager for Gucci Timepieces, with fake watches that were destroyed yeterday at the British Horological Museum in Nottinghamshire

Factory output starts to stir

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

UK MANUFACTURERS enjoyed a tentative recovery in July, backing recent survey evidence that the sector is beginning to emerge from its stagnation this year.

But, taking the past three months together, manufacturing output has shown no growth at all compared with the previous three months and was 0.1 per cent lower than the

same period a year ago.
The Office for National Statistics said yesterday that its estimate of underlying growth in manufacturing is still zero, as it has been since December. This served to underline the fact that any

manufacturing recovery is in its very early stages and is far from dramatic.

Manufacturing grew 0.5 per cent in the month, having fallen 0.1 per cent in June. Overall industrial production, which includes the North Sea and energy companies, grew 0.5 per cent as well, having dropped 0.9 per cent in June. The ONS now estimates that industrial production is growing at about 0.5 per cent a year, the first positive estimate

since January. Eagerly awaited employment figures from America were published yesterday. The Labour Department reported a 250,000 increase in nonfarm jobs in August and a sharp fall in the US unemployment rate, to 5.1 per cent, from 5.4 per cent in July. The rate is now at its lowest level for more than seven years.

Both figures suggested a slightly stronger labour mar-ket than Wall Street economists had been expecting. In an immediate reaction to the figures, the benchmark 30year Treasury bond slumped a full point as dealers argued that the US Federal Reserve was now more likely to raise interest rates. However, prices in the bond market subse-

Boss with a nose for a smart deal

By CLARE STEWART

PAUL GOTLEY'S company makes an "electronic nose" to sniff out exotic chemicals, but he would also appear have a nose for a good deal in spite of issuing a profits warning earlier this year and losing money last year. The chairman of Neotronics Technol-

ogy yesterday announced a takeover that

and £40,000 from a forerunner of the British Technology Group, a state-owned body in those days.

Neotronics has accepted a £23.3 million offer from Zellweger Luwa, a Swiss listed company, which values it at 90p a share cash, almost double the 472p closing price on Thursday. The deal has been recommended by Neotronics directors who speak for 60.5 per cent of the shares, which last night closed at 872p

flammable gases. It operates in 17 countries and reported pre-tax profits of £16.7 million last year. Neotronics, based in Hertfordshire, incurred a loss of £680,000 last year. Mr Gotley said Neotronics had received other bid approaches before but added that the Zellweger approach was of interest because it was a particularly good fit. Neotronics said yesterday that it re-mained loss making although it contin-

Safeway and BP in joint venture

BRITISH PETROLEUM and Safeway are gambling that a mixture of groceries, petrol and alcohol is the recipe for retailing success.

The two companies yesterday announced a £100 million joint venture to build as many as 100 food and fuel sites, each of which will carry the BP and Safeway logos, across the UK. The first is to open next month in Basildon, Essex.

The sites, similar in concept to the new Tesco Express outlets, will provide everything from petrol and car wash machines to fresh produce and groceries. Safeway said the stores, each with some 2,000 to 3,000 square feet of space, in effect will be mini superstores, allowing more than just "top-up" shopping. Safeway hopes to sell alcoholic

drinks in some of the stores. Steve Webb, director of corporate development, said: "We would like to sell alcohol. People regard it as a normal part of their weekly shopping." BP, for its part, hopes the stores will help to boost its petrol sales. The petrol price

war has cut retail price margins from 5 per cent to about 2 per cent, and oil companies are looking for ways to wring more value from their petrol sites. Mr Webb said Safeway exsquare foot per week from the stores. Analysts were sceptical, noting that Safeway's own

superstores have average sales of just over £14 a square foot. Mike Dennis, of NatWest Securioes, said: "They would be doing very well indeed if they could get those sort of sales." Safeway said it has the pick

of BP's 2,200 petrol sites and should have a "big portion" of the 100 stores open by the end of next year. BP and Safeway will each take half the profit.

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The future for investors in the European trusts AND MERICAL STREET



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Land supply is key to a controlled housing recovery

There have been many recent reports, supported by our own trading experience, which demonstrate that there is some recovery in the housing market. Whilst we have heard this before, there is a significant difference - for the first time since the start of the recession, the trend is sustained

In spite of modest house price movement, even as a housebuilder, we believe the recovery is economy - the boom-bust cycles may have made selling easier for periods of time, but, in the long term, provide a difficult environ-ment for sustained trading.

For our business, the housing market and the economy generally, we need a gentle, sustained bounce-back. A victous circle had been created where the flat market kept house prices artificially low, limiting supply and therefore limeventually contracting the market The barrier for first-time buyers as a whole. At this stage, house price inflation of 5 to 7 per cent. a iew percentage points above general inflation, is necessary to get the market back into equilibrium. bringing on more supply as people trade up, and, at the same time, creating more demand - so breaking the cycle.

Unusually, the second-hand sector is leading the new homes market in this recovery. What is not surprising is that it is strongest in London and the South East, where house prices had suffered the largest deflation. Also at this stage, we have found more consumer demand for our

detached bomes than our smaller compact housing. The expansion of the second-hand market could account for this as homes move out of negative equity, allowing owners to trade up.

market is lagging behind slightly.

entering the market is not cost, but confidence. The profile of this group is therefore changing. They are waiting until they are older. having rented or stayed in the parental home until they are convinced of their job security.

Stagnant prices have meant that they have no urgency to buy and that buying a home is for "nesting" not "investing". In fact this is one of the great myths of the industry. Evidence from countries with expensive housing relative to income ratios such as Japan and Switzerland shows that these are also countries with low inflation. Also, house prices will always tend to rise in line with personal incomes, provided interest rates remain stable - so, in real terms, bricks and mortar is still a worthwhile investment.

Affordability is at its best level The first-time buyer end of the for a generation, eg. a single male



Joe Dwyer

be paying 23 per cent of his income on his mortgage, compared with 63 per cent in 1989. A consequence of this is that first-time buyers are looking for larger homes. We can support this by reviewing the make-up of new home starts: 44 per cent of all new homes built in the UK were detached houses in

the second quarter of this year, compared with 34 per cent in 1992, whereas 23 per cent of new homes in 1992 were terraced, falling to only t7 per cent last quarter.

If we consider the new homes market of today compared with the market when we entered the recession, one of the key differences is that it has moved from a seller's market to a buyer's one. As a consequence customers have become more discerning. They have more choice and, with slower sales rates, they have more time to buy. Housebuilders have to put more into their offers, packages are tailored to meet the needs of individual purchasers and customer care has become a key driver for the industry.

Perhaps the closest parallel is the car industry which turned itself around in the mid-1980s. As customer choice rook hold of the industry, with the influx of the

Features which once did not exist or were paid-for "extras" - and then only supplied reluctantly became commonplace. Style and presentation became as important if not more so than engineering excellence. A decade later the

housebuilding industry is follow-

ing the same trend. However, our low-inflation, gentle recovery is under serious threat. Government-published figures show an estimated need for 4.4 million new homes by 2016. To achieve this we need a sufficient supply of land - and this is where the danger lies.

Whilst central government sets targets. planning is predominantly a local issue. There is little legislation to ensure targets are met by local authorities and the appeal system has become so protracted. often taking up to a year, that it is becoming a commercial liability

recovery land prices are accelerating. The El million per acre deals have reappeared, and, although these are still the exception, the indications are that, without the mechanisms to ensure sufficient supplies of land for housing development, we could, once again, be faced with rabid land inflation. It would be ironic if the Government which champions the low-inflation cause continues to ignore the planning issue and, as a consequence, in three years' time we have house prices once again

rising out of control. If this is to be avoided we need action now to address the land supply issue. Only then can we ensure a stable, low-inflation environment which can support a sustained recovery in the housing market.

☐ The author is chairman of George Wimpey.

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UBS raises house price forecasts

An ecceleration of the recovery in the housing market has prompted analysts at UBS, the Swiss-owned bank, to increase their forecast for

house price rises this year. Rob Thomas. UBS housing analyst, now expects prices to rise by 7 per cent, compared with his earlier estimate of 5 per cent for 1996. He has upped his forecast for 1997

from 6 per cent to 10 per cent, He said the surge in prices would be led by London and southeast England. He expects prices in the capital to rise by 12 per cent this year and 15 per next year.

Arco sold

America's Allstate Insurance Company has agreed to sell Allstate Reinsurance Company (Arco), its London reinsurance operation, to QBE Insurance Group of Sydney for an undisclosed sum. Arco, with 1995 net written premiums of \$92 million, is indirectly owned by Allstate.

Frost Group

Frost Group did not incur any exceptional restructuring costs in the six months to June 30, contrary to a report yesterday. Frost does not plan to close any petrol retailing out-

Schroders gives warning of uncertain outlook

SCHRODERS, the investment bank, has delivered a warning in an otherwise upbeat interim report of a worsening business climate.

Win Bischoff, the chairman, said: "With elections imminent in the US and UK and with equity markets in those countries testing all-time highs, conditions for our business may become more uncertain. Although the second half started reasonably, it will not successive record years."

In the six months to the end of June 1996, pre-tax profit was £116 million, up from £112 million in the last half and up from £86 million a year ago.

The results disappointed the City, which had forecast a top range for pre-tax profits of £125 million and the bank's share price fell from £14.4712 to £13.9312.

The asset management arm of Schroders saw its funds rise 13 per cent, primarily because of new inroads in emerging markets. The bank said that investors had shown increasing awareness of the investment opportunities in Asia and Latin America.

Retail fund growth in the UK

was said to be encouraging. taking the division's pre-tax profit from £44 million to £65 million year-on-year. Comparison with the second-half 1995 profits of £49 million highlights the delayed effect on profitability of strong increases in the level of funds under management. In the corporate finance division. profits rose to £51 million from £42 million in the last half year, compared with £63 million a year ago. The bank said that activity in the Asia Pacific operations, which are being restructured to meet strategic objectives, were subdued.

Schroders experienced big moves in its share price this week after the resurgence of persistent takeover speculation, However, it insists that it will remain an independent institution in spite of the continuing consolidation in the industry. Mr Bischoff said: "Categori-

cally, there is no plan to change the structure of Schroders. I cannot be too explicit on that." An interim dividend of tip, compared with 4.5p last year.

will be paid on October 24.



Win Bischoff, chairman, reported profits of £116 million | was sitting.

Protesters hit AGM at Costain

BY OLIVER AUGUST

COSTAIN'S annual meeting was yesterday persistently and violently disrupted by protests against the Newbury bypass, which is being built by the troubled construction company,

The two-hour meeting was almost entirely devoted to the building of the controversial bypass. Two-thirds of about 300 shareholders present harassed the board and prevented Sir Christopher Benson, the chairman, from reading out his statement by clapping and

whistle-blowing. Sir Christopher abandoned his prepared text and allowed the protesters to sweep the order of business aside to question the board. A representative from Intria, the Malaysian group that came to Costain's rescue, was forced to stop his slide presentation

shortly after starting.

Alan Lovell, the chief executive, said after the meeting that the "surprising lack of courtesy" had made him feel

ashamed of being British. When Sir Christopher tried to move to the reelection of directors at least 50 protesters stormed to the front, causing the collapse of the table at which the board

NetHold to

link with

Canal Plus

By Eric Reguly

ONE of the world's largest pay-TV groups was formed yesterday when Canal Plus of

France agreed to merge its TV operations with NetHold, the

South African company that

launched Europe's first digital

broadcasting service in 1995. The new group will have more than 8.5 million subscrib-

ers in Western Europe, Scandi-

Its main strength will be in France, where Canal Plus is the

main pay-TV channel, and in

Italy, where NetHold has a 45

per cent stake in Telepiù, the

digital TV broadcaster that

owns the exclusive rights to live

Italian football games. Telepiù

will also give the new group a direct link to Kirch Gruppe of Germany, which also owns 45

per cenl, and Fininvest, the

holding company of Silvio

Berlusconi, the former stalian

Prime Minister, which owns 10

NetHold is owned 50 per

cent by Richemont, the South

African-controlled luxury

goods group whose brands include Cartier and Rothmans,

and 50 per cent by MIH, a

South African pay-TV com-pany. Canal Plus is acquiring

t00 per cent of NetHold's capital in exchange to 6.1

million new Canal Plus shares

and US\$45 million in cash.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mowlem into profit and planning float

JOHN MOWLEM, the construction group, hopes to float up to 50 per cent of Access Products and Services, the scaffolding and ladders business, early next year. Mowlem's plans were announced together with the group's interim results. Reflecting the effects of its recent restructuring, the company returned to profit in the six months to June, earning a pre-tax profit of £5.3 million (£3).8 million lossl. Interim dividend payments resume with a payout of 1p a share.

The improvement comes in the wake of last year's boardroom shake-up, job cuts and the reorganisation of the business into five divisions. Mowlem also shed problem businesses including the loss making London City Airport. Access Products lifted operating profits by 12 per cent to £7.5 millioo, helped by a strong overseas performance, while last year's losses of £4.1 million in the main construction division were reduced to £900,000. Mowlem shares rose 612 p to 8712 p.

Downturn at Laird

company, suffered a downturn in profits to £33.4 million before tax from £37.5 million in the half year to the end of June. The company said that the year started slowly in contrast to the exceptionally strong start to 1995, with most of the shortfall in profits occurring in the first quarter. Earnings were 16.8p a share (18.1p). The interim dividend is increased to 4.9p a share from 4.7p.

Irish jobless total falls

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefit in the Irish Republic fell by 1,200 to 284,300 in August. according to seasonally adjusted figures released yesterday by the Central Statistics Office. The unemployment rate eased to 125 per cent in August, from 12th per cent in July. The figures mark the first fall in unemployment in four months. However, the August figures are still more than 0.000 higher than in the same month last year.

Olivetti defends results

OLIVETTI, the troubled Italian electronics group, insisted vesterday that its first-half results, published earlier this week. were rigorously in order. The announcement came after Renzo Francesconi, a former Olivetti executive, said the figures were misleading. Olivetti confirmed that net debt at the end of June was 1,261 billion lire compared with 775 billion lire at the end of 1995. Olivetti shares, suspended on Thursday, will resume trading on the Milan Stock Exchange on Monday.

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Nursing homes in merger

By Carl Mortished

TAKARE and Court Cavendish injected new life in the depressed nursing home sector yesterday with the an-nouncement of a £252 million merger of their companies. Takare is making an all-paper offer for Court Cavendish,

valuing the company at about £64 million, or 235p per share. Shares in both companies rose on news of the agreed deal; Takare rose 2p to t50 p while Court Cavendish gained 19p to 235p. The merger terms are 157 Takare shares for every 100 Court Cavendish shares. Takare is forecasting e final dividend of 2.45p, an increase of 44 per cent on the final

payout last year. Keith Bradshew, chairman of Takare, said the merger would bring together the balance sheet strength of Takare with the acquisition skills of Court Cavendish. Mr Bradshaw will be chairman of the combined entity, to be re-named TC Group Chai Patel, chairman of Court Cavendish

will be chief executive. The merged business will own 126 nursing homes, comprising 11.742 beds, and the group plans to use its balance sheet to acquire other private nursing home businesses.

TOURIST RATES

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THE SUNDAY TIMES Morgan's meltdown

Peter Young was last week a star fund manager earning £300,000 a year. Today he has besmirched the reputation of

Morgan Grenfell and undermined confidence io the British fund management industry

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From damage limitation to preserving identity

On the eve of the TUC conference, Philip Bassett meets the General Secretary

who is keeping peace and seeking change

6 The TUC's

Wednesday

WHEN one of John Monks's predecessors Tuesday Un as General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress was tackled Thursday because that year's anby an irate delegate Friday Unual TUC conference was so uninteresting, he replied: Thanks

very much." Eight months at the outside from a general election, the outcome of which is vital to Britain's beleaguered trade unions, John Monks will be hoping that next week's TUC gathering will be uncontroversial enough similarly to avoid damaging Tony Blair's chances of win-ning. He may well be disappointed.

"We are not a party political organis-ation," Mr Monks stresses, "I don't see the TUC playing any particular role in the election - though some unions affiliated to the Labour Party clearly will." Does that mean that the TUC, like the CBI, will be strictly neutral, raising questions that in doing so, each will be moving away from what is seen as its natural constituency - Labour for the unions, Conservatives for business?

"I recognise that at the last election half of all trade unionists voted for parties other than Labour," Mr Monks says. working breakfast the next morning. However, he is clear 100 on what he and Though he will not appear in the the TUC want: "But I do

have a preference: I look forward to a Labour For the past week, Mr

future does Monks - now, at 51, four years into the job of not depend on leading Britain's unions - has been carrying out the election the final careful preparations for a conference aspect of the unions' be-

its potential electoral impact on Tony conference inter-union sessions this week. Blair and new Labour.

Briefing the press, handling interviews and being much more in the public focus with the conference this week and next are atypical of John Monks's working weeks. They are spent much more talking to unions, certainly; but talking to busioess leaders and politicians just as much perhaps more.

Monks seems as much at home on the management conference circuit as at the unions' annual seaside gatherings, and is now a natural noise on the BBC's Today programme, not an apparent outsider. Workplace visits will start his days in Blackpool next week, in keeping with his normal pattern of work: in the last year alone he has visited Ford, Smiths Industries, Boots, Welsh Water, Tesco and

Ericsson among others. Today he will briefly shrug off the cares of the last run-in to the start of the conference in the faded vulgar splendour of Blackpool's Winter Gardens on Monday morning by joining other members of the TUC's governing General Council to play cricket against the nanonal news media's industrial correspondents in a tradinonal annual fixture where the inspirational ingenuity of the scorers usually far exceeds that of the players.

Then it's back to assembling for next week his team of the representatives of even million union members — getting

on for half their highpoint of 13 million in 1979 — to bat at the TUC's conference not just on their members' behalf, but for all those people at work who feel insecure and disenfranchised by global competition and workforce flexibility, and the two

million-plus unemployed.

Mr Monks will try to make that the priority for the TUC, as he moves on Monday from dealing with issues such as the growth of part-time working, on Tuesday to the impact on Britain of European-style works councils and economic and monetary union, on Wednesday to full employment and on Thursday to employment legislarion.

Bin he knows that for the media at least and, indeed, for many union members - the real focus will be on the unions'

relations with the Labour Party.

Labour leaders now traditionally address the TUC's conference only once every two years, and, with Conservative strategists tracking closely Mr Blair's every move, Labour leadership advisers are far from sorry that this is a year in which the leader will not be on the TUC's

But Mr Blair will be in Blackpool, arriving on Tuesday for a private dinner with the TUC General Council, and for a conference hall, his visit

will still be the highpoint of the week, for the media especially. Central to that view will be one primary issue -Labour's plan, originally proposed by the trade unions, to introduce a

statutory national miniof Labour **9** mum wage. Other issues will also generate hear in spite of the toning down haviour will be carefully scrutinised for of the policy resolution on it at prefuture employment law under an incom-

ing Labour government will still see stinging attacks on Tony Blair from leftwing union leaders, most notably Arthur Scargill, the miners' president and head of his own breakaway political party. But it is the minimum wage, to be debated on Wednesday afternoon, which

will overshadow all else -- the issue which has been used to divide the unions fundamentally. Now it is a touchstone — a defining difference between Labour and the Conservatives, with the only argument on how it is introduced, and at what

On Thorsday Mr Monks managed to get the TUC's General Council to agree a statement to be put to next week's conference which, while broadly in line with Labour's declared position of not setting a precise figure until after the election, also includes £4 an hour as a "reasonable figure" for a national minimum. That will be carried, as will a separate monster composite motion, led by John Edmonds of the GMB general union, in line with it. But TUC insiders also reckon that a third motion, from Unison, the union most closely identified with the minimum wage, and the mineworkers, will also be approved, even though it sets a higher and more specific

target of £4.26 an hour. Such contradictions make John Monks



John Monks, beside a bust of Ernest Bevin, the trade union leader and postwar Labour Foreign Secretary, will be thrust into the media spotlight

uncomfortable. "I've got a tidy mind," he says. "I would have preferred not to have the Unison-NUM motion."

He knows the cutcome not only runs the risk of making the TUC appear confused, but may also place it from the start offside from a Labour government on an issue that is vital not only to union members and low-paid workers but also to the credibility of the TUC.

Labour's soin-doctors already have their dismissals in place - ready to discount whatever the unions may decide. emphasising that Labour has determined its policy on a minimum wage, which it will implement if elected to government. In agreement with Tony Blair, John Monks both recognises and stresses the differences between the unions and Labour: for and from each side, fairness rather than favours.

Though the two men have had their differences -- most notably recently over Labour's training policy, which saw the abandonment of a statutory training levy - the two work closely and well together, talk privately often and have a high regard for each other's abilities. Mr Monks's handling of the unions, and his central achievement so far of improving the TUC's standing by

making it once again more of a player in the Tuesday V political economy, has unquestionably been Wednesday of value to Mr Blair in Thursday his drive to make Labour electable as a cred-

our electable as a credible party of government. Mr Monks denies any "hotline" to a Blair-led government. The TUC's future does not depend totally on the election of a Labour government," he says. "The TUC's longterm aim must be to have a good working relationship with the government of the

day. That has been my main thrust as General Secretary. Nevertheless, if Labour does win, Mr

Monks wants to see in practice Europeanstyle "social partnership", with the social partners - employers and employees having a role and responsibilities in relevant areas. That clearly means closer relationships than the unions have had with the Conservative Government, "We do see a close set of relationships with key ministers," Mr Monks says of an incoming Labour administration. But he denies that such a difference between the unions' relations towards Conservative and Labour governments means favours not fairness. He will pursue a version of the distinctions between Labour and the

unions throughout his week in Blackpool,

with TUC officials working as hard as

they can to ensure that the unions are on

their best possible behaviour. Like many

people, he would like to see the electoral

race properly under way. "The election seems to have been running for ever." he

Britain's trade unions - their role in competitiveness, in a modern economy, and under a Labour government - are likely to be an issue in the election, especially with the current wave of strikes.

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But John Monks does not see a minimum wage, signing the European social chapter, new rights to representation and recognition at work and the advent of social partnership, which a Blair-led Labour government would bring, either as a return to the old-style corporatism and supposed union power of the 1960s and 1970s, or as the "new danger" which the Conservatives are warning against with new Labour. "I don't think I'm dangerous at all," he says. "I'm a reasonable fellow looking to do business with the government of the day."

HIDDEN ASSETS

A lavish Archer plot in the country with the mystery of a whale skeleton

anend a three-day product launch, a resial staff mouvarion course Courdoor team-building traing does not normally with the cockles of the heart. he gloom should lift if that vent is to be held at Heycop Park, the magnificent groupe house owned by the Newest Group and situa glorious 450-acre

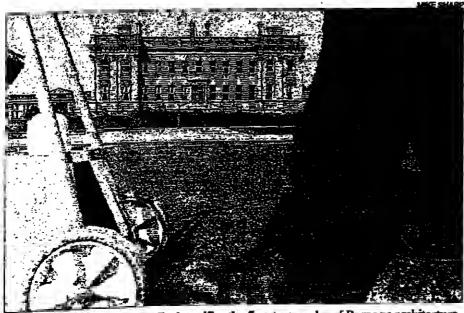
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The Jouse is early 18th century and built on a lavish scale u all the sense of grandeuland great enclosed spaces the typifies the finest comples of Baroque architecture. Hythrop was de-signed by Thomas Archer. the youngerson of a country gentleman who had travelled extensively on the Comment and is thought at one time to have been a student of Sir John Vanbrugh, the architect responsible for Bk nheim Palace that ultimate expression of the Baroque in England.

But in Heythrop, Archer showed a far wider understanding of continental Baroque than Vanbrugh. applying details from a paitern book of Roman Baroque Ornament Archer later made his reputation with Roehampton House in Surrey and St John's Smith Square. but it was with Heythrop that he first made his mark. Heythrop was commissioned

walls at NatWest Group's magnificent Heythrop Park

Joanna Pitman discovers a chequered history behind the



The 18th-century Heythrop Park typifies the finest examples of Baroque architecture Dukes of Mariborough who

years of his Grand Tour in Italy, honing his tastes and ideas of classical architecture. Back in Oxfordshire, Archer created for him a house embellished with Italian ornamentation, with a lacade and interiors appropriate for his new wife, Countess Adelaide

Rossini, and with command-

ing views from all of the main

rooms down onto sweeping

parkland. The house and

assume the throne of

After Talbot's death in 1718, the estate suffered a parchy history. The 13th Earl barely visited the house. The 14th Earl, one of the only members of the family who ever lived there, lavished money on it, spending £5,000 on the carved and gilded cedarwood ceilings of the main drawing room alone, a sum which is equiva-

former glory.

Albert died in 1918 and in 1922 the house and 500 acres of land were acquired by the

lived down the road in Blen-

heim Palace. Blenheim too

had been the result of a

reward granted through Par-

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referred to it contempuously

By the early 19th century

the Shrewsburys had lost

interest in the estate, shifting

their attentions to another

as "that pile of stones".

Jesuits for a theological college. They added new wings and built two halls of residence. The merger in 1968 of the National Provincial, West-minster, and District banks created the National Westminster Bank which acquired Heythrop from the Jesuits in 1970 for around £1 million. Today Heythrop is part of a training and development consultancy division of the NatWest Group, also offering conference facilities for exter-

which left only the shell of the main building and the two

wings standing. The house

remained empty for 40 years until it was bought in 1870 by

Thomas Brassey, the railway.

engineer. Brassey gave it to

his son, Albert, who spent two

years restoring the house and

grounds to something of their

There are always difficulties in reconciling commercial needs with the conservation of historic buildings. NatWest has restored the fabric and decorated the house as far as possible in keeping with its period. The gardens, which at one time were second only to Kew in the number of rare species they contained, have been restored and the grotto by the ornamental lake still con-

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STOCK MARKET



Shares rally on the back of good news from US

impressive 36-point turn-round to end with modest gains on the day.

It was fuelled by an opening rise of more than 50 points in the Dow Jones industrial average and a strong rally by US Treasury bonds, in response to the latest US employment numbers. These showed the number of jobless falling to its lowest since March 1989. The FT-SE 100, down more than 30 points after lunch, quickly moved into positive territory finishing 5.8 higher at 3.893.0. a fall on the week of 14.5.

Total stock market turnover reached 694 million, bolstered by a large stake in Monument Oil & Gas changing hands. Electra Investment has sold a total of 42.5 million Monument shares, or about 6 per cent of the issued share capital. The shares were placed with various institutions by NatWest Securioes, the broker. at 57p. Electra continues to hold 31.5 million and has no plans to sell any more, Monu-

ment slipped lp to 583 p. The much talked of bid for Zeneca failed to materialise with the shares losing 10p at £15.77 as Societé Général Strauss Turnbull urged clients to top slice. This follows the week's strong run that carried the price to a new high on talk of a £23 a share bid from Warner Lambert in the US.

Recently privatised Railtrack continues to go from slength to strength on persistent institutional buying. Offered to the public in June at 190p, the price closed a further 10p dearer at 269 p last night in spite of having gone ex the 134p dividend just a few weeks ago. Brokers say the strength of the shares reflects the hidden property value within the group which is only just beginning to be realised.

PowerGen fell 4p to 490p and National Power 3p to 3832p as the final call went out for the last instalment on the partly paid shares. A total of 3.19 million National Power shares were traded and 3.5 million PowerGen with SBC Warburg reckoned to be ac-

tively trading. 7p to 238p on renewed institutional buying as its £3.2 billion merger with Varity Corporation of the US was given the final seal of approval. The enlarged company, Lucas-Varity, is one of the largest automotive companies in the world and may soon be vying



Keith Bradshaw, Takare chairman, saw the shares firm 2p

for a place among the constituents that make up the FT-SE 100. Almost 25 million shares were traded.

Grand Metropolitan added further 12p at 4854p as brokers continued to reflect on this week's disposal of its German food business to the Campbell Soup Company for £140 million. The group says it plans to concentrate on its

fell 3p to 3822p after the annual meeting. Lord Prior, chairman of GEC, apologised to both Mr Simpson and shareholders over the way the announcement about his pay package was handled. Lord Prior said that pre-tax profits in the first four months of the year would be above those for the corresponding period. Shares in Johnson Mat-

Tesco climbed 72p to 3042p after a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, Laing says Tesco continues to trade strongly since its Club Card launch, with like-for-like sales still growing at 5's per cent. The broker has lifted its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £12 million to £752 million.

leading brand names. More than 7 million shares had changed hands.

BP firmed lp to 627 p and Safeway by a similar amount at 330p after agreeing to spend £100 million on a joint venture developing a network of 100 food and fuel locations designed for "top-up" shopping. A pilot site covering 2,000 sq ft

is due to open next month. GEC, where George Simpson is about to take up the reins as managing director, they, the precious metals group, fell 25½p to 578p as brokers beguo a series of profit downgradings. ft follows evidence of a slowdown in the electronic materials market and also the European tile market which is affecting profits at the ceramics business, a company owned jointly with Cookson. BZW has led the way by trimming its profit forecast £5 million. Earlier this week, Cookson unveiled a

20 per cent increase in the

Bid speculation
Profits warning
Zellweger bids 80p a share

MOVERS OF THE WEEK Blenheim Group. . Bid talks called off Talspec 222*p Iceland Frozen Foods.89%p Yorkshire-Tyne Tees £11.75 Sema Group £15.77

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on rallied 2p to 2514p. One of the best gains was seen in Neotronics Technology where the price bounded 40p to 8712p after an agreed a share offer from Zellweger Luwa. The terms. valuing the gas detection group, at £23.3 million have the backing of the Gotley family which has a controlling interest in Neotronics. Court Cavendish, the home zare group, jumped 19p to

235p as it agreed to merge with rival Takare, 2p firmer at 1502p, and form a new company with a stock market value of £250 million. The enlarged group, to be called TC Group, will have 126 care homes with 11,742 beds. The erms value Court Cavendish

at 233p a share. BPB Industries rose 7p to 374p after brokers were impressed on a visit to the group's new plasterboard factory in Berlin. But Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, slipped 2½ p to 205p as Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, turned cautious on the shares. Hints that John Mowlem.

the construction group, may be poised to float its Access division was greeted warmly by brokers. Mowlem returned to the black in the first six months with profits of £5.3 million, against a deficit last time of £31.8 million. The

shares rose 7p to 88p. A shortfall at the halfway stage left Laird Group 35p lower at 450 p. Pre-tax profits were £4.1 million lower at £33.4 million reflecting a poor first quarter from the automotive division GILT-EDGED: The longer end of the market recovered from a hesitant start to close

with modest gains. It came on the back of a positive response to the latest non-farm payroll numbers and subsequent rally by US Treasury bonds. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gill

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unchanged at EI0314. □ NEW YORK: Shares were higher, encouraged by a rally in bonds after August employment figures proved to be weaker than feared. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 36.99 points higher at 5,643.95.

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A drop in the tank

In the short term, however.

Schroders and a few others

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Takare's assets at a relatively

full price, the Court Caven-

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John Mowlem

A YEAR ago there was blood

on the carpet at John

Mowlem, the construction

group. The business was in

the red, jobs were being axed,

John Marshall, the former

chief executive, made a shock

work cut out.

BP and Safeway will not make much money out of their alliance. Thanks to the petrol price war, pitiful margins on each gallon at the pump will ensure that the gross profit from 100 stores will probably be little more than £50 millon per year. After interest and overheads the contribution to the bottom line of each company will be meagre, barely worth mentioning in the context of BP's £2 billion annual profit.

However, this joint venture is less about profits than market share. In a sense, BP is inviting Safeway on to its petrol forecourt out of necessity, a defensive move aimed at ensuring that BP retains a large share of the UK gasoline market when the war of attrition is over. Oil companies are lousy retailers and the merchandising skills of a major grocer should make its stations a draw for shoppers as well as motorists. For Safeway, the joint venture provides access to a larger market without the cost of buying expensive sites. But this alliance threatens to exacerbate a

problem that should soon become a hot political issue. The effect, if not the intendon of the petrol price war is the elimination of independent petrol retailers. If the superstores (which started the battle) combine forces with big oil, the victims will extend to the local convenience store, already suffering from a price war in groceries. Elf is now tied to Somerfield, while Budgens is in bed with Q8; there can be little doubt that Shell and Esso are now contemplating similar deals with Sainsbury and Tesco. A link between Esso, biggest in petrol, and Tesco, the number one food retailer, would be devastating for small shopkeepers.

Schroders

IT TOOK Schroders to remind us vesterday of what can be earned from success ful fund management. While merchant banking profits sagged after a buoyant second half last year, Schroders' asset management division grew by almost a third to £65 million. It underlines the importance of fond management in underpinning the profits of investment banks and Schroders will have given more than a nervous glance at Morgan Grenfell.

The threat is more one of public perception. Lightning having struck one City house, the others can now build up their defences. More worrying is a possible setback in consumer confidence in investment products, badly damaged by the mis-selling

pensions scandal.

Takare

THE TC Group probably has a better chance to become Top Cat in the nursing home sector than Court Cavendish or Takare have on their own, In the short term, there will probably be some earnings dilution, but the partners are hoping that investors will out up with that in the hope that greater market clout will deliver a flood of cheap

nursing home deals and, ultimately, bigger profits. Court Cavendish shareholders are getting 25 per cent of the new group in return for 19 per cent of the assets and 22 per cent of the combined earnings. However, Takare was going no-where with its focus on building cheap public sector facilities at a time when local authorities are suffering a cash squeeze. Given Takare's late conversion to the Court Cavendish strategy of buying properties and tarting

them up, the deal looks more

like a reverse takeover by

Court Cavendish of Takare, But there is a possibility jured albatross. that some Court Cavendish investors will bridle at the

BETTER FUND MANAGERS

absence of a big takeover premium, although a commonality of main shareholders among the two companies might help to smooth the way. Given the apparent absence of cost savings, the question is whether the new team will be better placed to capital for reinvestment. sweat pro form assets totalling £259 million. Takare has so far shown little such

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Jill Insley, Caroline Merrell and Anne Ashworth on the affair casting a shadow over unit trusts

Investor anger grows over Morgan Grenfell response

among the 90,000 investors in the three Morgan Grenfell European trusts this weekend over not only the disaster that has overtaken their investment but also their treatment by the blue-blooded fund manager.

One distressed investor who contacted Weekend Money summed up their situation.
"As I would rather not sell at a loss now, I am staying aboard. But what are the prospects for the fund? All this bad publicity will mean that nobody will want to invest in the fund and the performance will deteriorate further." Antony Levi, fashion distrib-

utor. was one of many inves-tors voicing dissatisfaction at the negligible amount of information available from Morgan Grenfell. He said: "The answers given by the helpline were inadequate. For example, l asked when the problems had first surfaced. Morgan Grenfell claimed that it had known nothing until last Friday. It is, however, clear that things were going very badly wrong in the early summer. This inability to communicate is typical. When I invested some more cash in the fund earlier this year, the acknowledgment was very slow in

Mr Levi added: "There is alsn the question of contpensanon. Since it is clear that things have been going wrong at these funds for some six months, we should be comensated for our losses over that period."

This weekend Morgan Grenfell has written to investors, apologising and outlining its actions in suspending its

pean Growth and Europa Fund and European Capital Growth, a Dublin investment. jointly worth \$1.4 billion, Morgan Grenfell suspended dealings in these funds on Monday when it became worried about the values attached to many of their investments. Dealings

resumed on Thursday. The brief letters to investors make it dear that Morgan Grenfell will meet its liabilities in respect of any irregularities in the funds.

However, the issue of compensation seems unclear with Morgan Grenfell making contradictory statements on the issue (see page 39).

As the investigation into the affair gathered pace, advisers recommended that investors in the three trusts should not sell their units until the situation was clarified. Most expresssed the view that Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent, had sufficiently deep pockets to meet the bill, lan Millward of Chase de

Vere, the Bath investment advisers. said: "Morgan Grenfell has said it will recompense any losses resulting from pricing irregularities. Investors should sit tight until we know the results of the investigation."

During the first six months of this year, the performance of other European funds was largely flat. The Morgan Grenfell trusts fell by some 14 per cent. The outlook for the future is uncertain, as it seems likely that investors will shun

Meanwhile the whole affair Itas cast a shadow over the huge unit trust industry which at the end of July this year was



Antony Levi says the answers given by the helpline were inadequate and that compensation should be provided

worth £123 billion. For more Monday, invested nearly 30 than 60 years, unit trusts have earned a reputation as a safe home for investors taking their first steps into the stock market. This hard-won reputation is at risk. The discovery that Morgan Grenfell has invested hundreds of millions of pounds in little-known companies unquoted on any stock exchange has raised doubts about the safeguards intended

to protect investors. Peter Young, the manager of the trusts also suspended on

per cent of the £788 million European Growth fund in unquoted companies. Unit trust managers are limited to investing a maximum of 10 per cent of their portfolio's value in unlisted stocks. Mr Young exploited a loophole which allows unit trusts to hold more than 10 per cent, provided the companies concerned have stated their intention to list

within 12 months. Most imit trust managers companies, because their shares are difficult to sell or value accurately. A fund manager from another company says: "It's very uncommon to hold unquoted stocks. There's no structured market for them, and unless you can find a buyer, they are unsellable. It's hell of a liability."

Morgan Grenfell has admitted that it knew Mr Young had invested up to one third of the European Growth portfolio in unlisted securities during the year. It was also aware that he

had breached Securities and Investments Board regulation 5.14 on three occasions. This rule stipulates that a fund may own no more than 10 per cent of any company.

A spokesman for Morgan

Grenfell said: "We were aware of the content of the portfolio. stage to say there was anything wrong with the content." However, Deutsche Bank has already paid up to £200 million into the three funds to continued on page 39, col 1

New manager restructures troubled funds

A took steps to restore its credibility this week. Stuart Mitchell, the newly appointed manager of the troubled European funds, yesterday told The Times: "These kind of things can happen even with the best controls. Our compliance controls are as rigorous, or more so, as you would find in any organis-

ation in the City. Mr Mitchell, who replaces the now suspended Peter Young, hopes his untamished reputation and the strong performance of the fueds he has managed will reassure investors. Whether this will be sufficient remains to be seen. Mr Young had a stellar reputation until his fall from grace, and his funds had performed exceedingly

well until quite recently. Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent, has al-ready injected £ISO million to buy all the unquoted shares in the funds where there had been questions about pricing. The amount represents about 12.5 per cent of the portfolios. Mr Mitchell maintains

that, because Deutsche Bank has relieved him of the questionable stocks and because of the strong cash position, he has not been forced to sell shares. "I don't see a situation where I will have to dump stock in the market to generate cash." Mr Mitchell said both

funds had cash holdings of arrived and that redemptions had been lower than expected. "I would expect them to be about 15 per cent over the next few weeks."



Mnchell: unhurried review

He has already started his restructuring moves, including "some top-slicing" of some large technology companies. This is being done with no impact on pricing. I think these are good funds, and I will only want to change about 15 to 20 per cent of the holdings. I'm not going lo rush into anything. I will slowly go through each stock individually before I act. The fund performance should not in any way be affected by the

It is possible that management of the UK asset management operations will shift to Frankfurt to allow Deutsche Bank to have greater control. If this happens. Mr Mitchell says investors need not worry. "Nothing changes. We will carry on as a team. There may be a greater eye on our work from Deutsche Bank in Germany, but it affect the way we do rescarch or manage the portfolios."

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Competitors check their books

The crisis at Morgao Grenfell had led other leading unit trusis groups to review their portfolios to check whether the holdings of unquoted stocks breached the rules. All appear to have a clean bill of health. Meanwhile, managers reported that they were receiving funds from disaffected Morgan Grenfell investors (Jill Insley writes).

Rachel Medill. spokeswoman for M&G. says: "I think every unit trust group looks at what is happening to Morgan Grenfell and shakes in its shoes. We are all looking around to make sure it's not happening to us, even if it is as little as checking how much unlisted stock is in our portfolio. It is a natural thing to do." Both M&G and Perpetual say they have just undergone compliance visits from their regulator, the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, that failed to find any problems. Clive Boothman, chief executive uf Schroders, says the investment management company double-checked the size of holdings in unquoted stocks in every fund on Tuesday. He said: "We have done this not only for UK unit trusts but funds worldwide. The trawl showed we have no more than t per cent in unquoted stocks." He says the company may also review how unquoted stocks are valued.

Peter Young, the fund manager at the centre of the Morgan Grenfell problem, worked for Mercury Asset Management until 1991. Mercury's head of compliance Charles Farquharson says. "We have highly developed monitoring systems designed to flag any breaches." He says the company's fund management has been set up to be transparent to all concerned. All fund

managers must buy holdings through the company's centralised dealing operation, stock is priced by independent sources and fund management staff work in teams so investment decisious can be questioned continually. Investment companies have already detected an increase in money being transferred from Morgan Grenfell. This perhaps suggests the loss of confidence in units is so far limited to Morgan.

owever, investors who are nervous about their choice of investment should ask to see the make-up of their fund's portfolio and performance figures, and check whether these fit the description of the fuod's investment aims. A fund which is described as low risk, for example, should not be swooping up and down in value.

It is also worth checking whether the investment company concerned bas bought indemnity insurance to cover malpractice. Peter Hargreaves, managing director of Hargreaves Lansdown, the independent financial adviser of Bristol. said that Deutsche Bank's injection of £180 million to stem investors' losses has shown the value of investing in a company with deep pockets."Investors may in future prefer to stick with a well-known company with substantial resources like Schroder and Fidelity." he said.

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Still better than the mattress

es. it's true. There really are investors who bailed out of Kepit, fed up with the sagging continental investment trust, to find a new safer home for their money in Morgan Grenfell's European Growth (MGEG) unit trust. There may well be many. Both were well promoted, much touted by investment advisers, and favourably featured in the press. Distillusioned investors may be tempted to reach for the mattress. With advisers and unh managers, they should rather recall some basic rules. High returns imply risks. Bright ideas fade fast. And risks can be cut via a spread of liquid stocks. the raison d'être of unit trusts.

Bizarrely. MGEG was touted as a play-safe diversification. In 1995, the London market had such a good run that most observers rightly doubted it could do so well this year. If all your eugs are in a UK basket, why not spread the risk? For PEP investors, the easy answer is continental Europe, where you can invest freely.

This was a sensible idea, even if continental share prices often parallel the UK more closely than Wall Street, Tokyo or emerging markets. Since the start of 1993, the FT-SE Eurotrak 100 index has still outpaced London's FT-SE 100 by about 15 per cent. So far this year, the Enrotrak is up about 10 per cent against the FT-SE's 5, although a rising pound has taken away the difference for sterling investors.

Even after recent losses, long-term investors in MGEG have beaten the Eurotrak index spectacularly, thanks to



Peler Young, its ex-manager. That seeming consistency explains why the fund was so widely recommended and bought. But the greatest weight of MGEG unitholders have only come in just in rime for the fall. The weight of new money contributed to that fall, making it harder to beat the averages without taking greater risks. Many of the advisers and investors who jumped in knew that Mr Young's policy was extremely adventurous. So did senior Morgan Grenfell managers. Kepit is also eccentric, focusing to its disadvantage on the bright idea of privaosation.

Such policies are unsuited to modest PEP investors testing continental waters for the first time. What did all concerned think they were doing? Common sense was suspended, just as Briosh folk throw decorum to the winds on their first continental holiday and do abroad things they would never contemplate at home. Most of those who latterly put

home, yet did so in Norway.

Europe is not an emerging market. where you pure money for long-term growth, expecting a rocky ride on the way. Continental economies are as mature as Britain's even if stock markets play a smaller, less developed role. To beat the averages spectacularly, you must take as heady risks as you would have to in Britain - and are as unlikely to succeed for long.

Unh trusts are a great way to turn steady savings into investments that will grow at least in line with earnings. nless you are prepared to take risks and switch in and out, however, the ones to pick are not the winners whose names feature at year-end, but those that do 5 to 10 per cent better than the relevant market index year after year as a result of skilful management. There are plenty them. Many are run by specialists whose directors' fortunes depend on long-term repute rather than the shortterm acclaim that builds funds and profits faster in a crowded market.

nvestors who prefer to rely on high street or cut-glass names should expect high standards of operation and control, even if performance is as mediocre as shrinking MGEG's now threatens to be. Often, cost-cutting big banks fail in this responsibility because they have axed highly paid people who added layers of quality control but brought in no cash. When hig names fail investors, regulators should extract a high penalty, and exclude them from the

Compensation is the only honourable way

Today Morgan Grenfell Asset Management is apologising to 90,000 of its customers, the investors in its three, oow notorious, European unit trusts. This handwringing is unlikely to convince, however, unless the group also moves to compensate them for having failed them in almost every respect.

When you make an investment, you expect to be kept properly informed about its progress, and of any material changes in its nature. If the group falls down on either of these duties, then it should reach into its pockets, especially if your losses have arisen out from declines in the market. but from the unauthorised activities of fund managers.

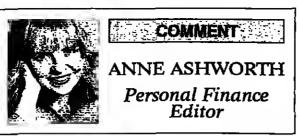
Whether or not Morgan Grenfell is prepared to pay compensation remains a moot point. In a letter being sent to investors this weekeod, the group says that it will meet "its liabilities in respect of any irregularities".

However, on Thursday, the group was maintaining that the value of holdings had fallen as a result of losses on quoted stocks. The poor performance of the fuods, it was claimed, had nothing to do with the obscure collection of unquoted Scandinavian securities concealed in the

These words contradicted a statement earlier in the week, when Morgan Grenfell pledged that no investor would suffer losses through recent events.

The Investment Managers Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the watchdog responsible for Morgan Grenfell. should without delay press the group to deal fairly with its investors. It should also impose a penalty oo the group for its unsatisfactory treatment of investors who this week sought information about the fate of their holdings.

Usually eager to proclaim its achievements, with the artful use of every statistic, Morgan Grenfell fell strangely silent when questioned by both individual iovestors and financial advisers. They should benceforth be kept informed of every new development. Or this sorry episode



will damage not only Morgan Grenfell but also the whole unit trust industry.

Revenue pirouettes

The little bowler-hatted front man for the Inland Revenue self-assessment advertising campaign has executed a volte face. Unlovely and inappropriate in his socks and boxers, he has, to date, told taxpayers that they must be ready to work out their own tax bills under the new regime. Now, he says, they can leave the task to the tax office.

Strangely the Revenue denies that this represents a change of heart, although, the requirement to calculate your own liability has always been at the heart of self-assessment.

The move means that the Revenue is finally responding to the widespread criticisms of the new system. Previously it has been deaf to the objections of accountants who have argued that the whole arrangement is flawed. But it seems that the absolute confusion of individuals who took part in self-assessment trials could not be ignored.

After some alterations to the layout, the Revenue is now proclaiming that it has "probably the best tax return in the world". Taxpayers will remain unconvinced, especially as each week reveals further shortcomings and pitfalls in the system. For example, the nine million persons who will be affected by self-assessment may face a penalty if they cannot produce their annual notice of tax coding. It may not be enough to presume that the Revenue itself keeps a record of figures it has provided. Some taxpayers will also be dismayed to learn that there may be as many as four different dates for tax on income from different sources in the self-assessment

Stretching a point

The words instant access would not seem to be open to infinite interpretation. However, the Co-operative Bank has managed to give the term a new meaning. As we report on page 34, the Co-op's new savings account offers a generous starting rate of 5 per cent. But, as savers will discover, they can withdraw their money whenever they please, but only if they are prepared to suffer 30 days' loss of interest. This is also a feature of some building societies' instant access accounts. The Co-op makes much of its ethical stance and its refusal to compromise its principles. The bank's savers should not be so impressed by these high-minded promises that they forget to read the small print.

Stormy Refuge

t appears that the merger of Refuge and United Friendly may oot proceed in its present form (see page 4!). This turn of events follows a nasty row between the Refuge board and its institutional investors. Small shareholders in Refuge may be dismayed that they could play no part in these free and frank discussions. However, the result of the row may be a better payout. Unintentionally, the chaps io pinstripes may have secured more lucrative terms for all. But it is unfortunate that the policyholders of both companies have no one to represent

Sara McConnell examines the plight of borrowers suffering both high rates and negative equity

Centralised lenders under fire

under pressure from borrowers who are being charged high rates for home loans but who cannot remortgage because they suffer negative equity. Many are being charged a variable rate of more than 10 per cent, against the current standard rate of 6.99 per cent. House prices rose again last month. the Halifax said this week. fuelling hopes that many borrowers will soon be free of negative equity. But the recovery is patchy and could take years

to free the worst affected. Weekend Money received a flood of letters and telephone calls from readers trapped with ligh loan rates after its report three weeks ago that The Mortgage Corporation had finally been sold to First National, the Irish building society. The Mortgage Corporation and National Home Loans bore the brunt of criticism from borrowers, who say

Heather Thoreau re-mortgaged her Dock-

lands home for £140,000

with NHL in 1988. Like Ms

Welby, she is now paying

dearly for her move. Her

current variable mortgage

rate is 11 per cent, including

extra loadings for renting

out her house and remort-

gaging. She has negative

equity so cannot remort-

She admits she has been

in arrears several times in

the past four years and once

failed to pay deliberately in

an attempt to force NHL to

discuss her case and offer

her a lower interest rate on

gage with another lender.

reckless lending by both companies in the 1980s.

Centralised lenders, which sell through intermediaries rather than through branches, attracted borrowers with low rates and lenient lending criteria. But as the bottom fell out of the market, they sold out to other lenders or restructured. leaving many borrowers paying high rates. Lenders argue that they have to charge high rates because so many borrowers are in arrears or have negative equity or both.

NHL withdrew from the

market in 1991 and set up a new company, Homeloans Di-rect in 1994. Its standard rate for new borrowers is 6.99 per, cent, in line with the market. Existing borrowers can transfer their loans if they meet stringent criteria but to date only 16 per cent have been accepted. Nearly half NHL's 28,700 borrowers have negative equity or arrears.

Homeloans Direct terms.

Earlier this year, payments

were late because money

from her bank account in

France, where she now

NHL says Ms Thoreau

may qualify for transfer to

HLD, as she has almost

paid off her arrears. But it

says it is up to her to request

the necessary forms and re-

turn them so that NHL can

value her house and assess her creditworthiness. "We

need up-to-date informa-

tion. People think we know

more about them than we

do. And we need to find out

if she has negative equity."

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lives, was delayed.

Borrower's 'won't

pay' tactic backfired



Sudden change of heart

C haron Welby took out a mortgage of £47,200 with National Home Loans when she bought her £71,000 flat in Poplar, East London. in 1989 under a shared ownership scheme with the local council. Now she is paying interest at 10.64 per cent. Her outstanding debt has risen to £53,000 because she took a deferred loan where interest is added to the loan in early

She has negative equity on her flat, which is now rented out. According to Ms Welby, National Home Loans has refused to cut her rate in spite of an exemplary payment record.

She and her husband Gordon Forrest (pictured above) have now negotiated a remort-gage with the bank where Mr Forrest is a senior manager. Under the deal, the bank would take over the first charge on the flat and Mr Forrest

additional security because the flat is not worth the full amount of the mortgage. But this week, as The Times began its

would pledge £20,000 worth of shares as

investigation of her case, National Home Loans had a sudden change of heart. Nigel Terrington, the company's chief executive, offered a free valuation of Ms Welby's property, and a reduction in her rate to 6.99 per cent, with Mr Forrest's shares as collateral depending on the extent of the negative equity.

He also offered to waive administration fees for releasing title deeds and redemption fees. Ms Welby would no longer have to pay an extra I per ceni because her property was let.

NHL said it was 'a pure coincidence" that Mr Terrington had intervened, after seeing correspondence from Ms Welby. He had made the offer after discovering the existence of Mr Forrest's shares, which solved any negative equity problem. It also defended the high rates it was charging. "The reality is that borrowers are on these rates because they have negative equity and this is not asset-backed lending."

Mr Forrest and Ms Welby are considering the offer from National Home Loans.

Rate was halved by change of company

A record and positive equi-ty have allowed Johnny Co-hen to take his £30,000 loan away from The Mortgage Corporation and remortgage with the Alliance & Leicester. Instead of the 7.99 per cent he was being charged by TMC, he will now pay just 3.99 per cent, with a three-year 3 per cent discount on A&L's variable rate of 6.99 per cent.

Mr Cohen accused TMC of ignoring its initial promise to borrowers in the 1980s that its rates would be competitive. He said: "They came oo the scene and undercut people. They got the business. But they never honoured it. Their interest rates and their insurance rates are well above average." Mr Cohen discovered he could insure his home for just £110 a year by shopping around against £779.76 through TMC, underwritten hy Royal Insurance. Alliance & Leicester would have charged him £250.

our early marketing material referred to competitive rates of interest and it is also true that for a nurober of years our rates have been above average." The company blames the recessioo for high rates and claims that the only way it could protect itself against bad debts was to increase rates for its remaining borrowers. It also admits to concern over the high cost of its insurance arrangement with Royal

TMC said: "It is true that

Insurers give a wide berth to happy events

Travel insurers, ever keen to protect themselves against poten-oally difficult situations, are cutting off cover for preg-nant women many weeks before there is any significant risk of having to pay for a birth abroad.

For the purposes of general medical insurance, a straightforward pregnancy is not classified as an illness or medical condition and as such is not covered by most standard policies. Yet when it comes to travel insurance, pregnancy is considered such risky business that some insurers refuse to cover pregnancy at all and many restrict cover to travel completed before the 28th

The risk of premature labour will depend largely on a woman's personal medical history, but it is extremely rare for major medical problems to occur before 28 weeks, and most pregnant women are not seen regularly by their doctor or hospital until then. And, unless there is a complication in the pregnancy, it

is unus-ual for a woman to go into la-bour before 34 weeks. Ronnie Lamont. consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Northwick Park Hospital. Harrow, north London. said only 1

Pregnant check the small print

per cent of women will go into labour before their 34th week, although 7 per cent of deliveries occur before the 37th week of pregnancy. Ninety per cent of women deliver two weeks on either side of their due date. If a woman has a history of pre-term delivery, the odds of another early labour are higher. Women who have carried other babies to term almost never go into premature labour.

Bupa is one of many insurers to cite airline policy when explaining why it will not cover a pregnant wornan after she is two calendar months from the end of her pregnancy. But a poll of airlines reveals that most will carry pregnant women until much later.

British Airways, for example, will carry a preg-nant woman up to the 36th week. After the 28th week, she will need a doctor's note saying when the baby is due and that there have been no complications in the preg-



Air Canada, Lufthansa and Air France all have similar policies, although some charter carriers have much earlier cut-off dates.

Columbus has one of the most draconian policies. 11 will not cover a woman at all for pregnancy-related conditions if she knew she was pregnant at the time of booking the trip. Cover for non-related illness or injury will be covered. PPP's travel policy, available only to existing PFP customers, will only provide cover for the first 24 weeks. The date was chosen for the good health of our customers," it said. Bradford & Bingley allows pregnant women another four weeks of travel. It said: "In general, our past experience has been that airlines are reluctant 10 carry passengers who are more than 28 weeks pregnant, although some alteration or special conditions may apply. There is also often an uncertainty as 10 how far into a pregnancy a person is. The implications

the insurer, individual and family are different from that of the airline and consequently a more pruneeds to be adopt-ed." For women

who are trying to get pregnant and who trav quently, it is worth taking

choosing an annual policy. Home & Overseas policies, sold through many banks and building societies, will cover pregnancy until eight weeks before the due date. Commercial Union offers medical expenses, cancellation and curtailment up to 28 weeks, unless you did not realise you were pregnant until after the trip was booked. Direct Line, which is now offering travel cover to holders of its car and household policies, will cover pregnancy-related medical expenses to the 32nd week. but cancellation and curtailment is limited to 28 weeks unless the journey was booked before the pregnancy was known.

an insurer's pregnancy con-

ditions into account when

Pregnancy is one of the areas where annual holders may encounter restrictions. so check the small print before picking a policy.

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Sara McConnell says investigations into complaints are taking up to six months

PIA admits complaints department is in chaos

nvestors trying to get com-pensation for alleged bad advice and financial loss are facing delays of at least five months before their cases are investigated, because of administrative upheavals in the complaints system set up to protect the public.

Some people are still paying interest on loans they were persuaded to take out as part of complex financial deals that unravelled in the recession. Sue Durden, a Weekend Money reader, is still paying interest on an £18,000 remortgage taken out as part of a home eq-uity release scheme in 1991, while waiting for the ombudsman to deal with her case.

Chris Hamer, general manager at the Personal Investment Authority ombudsman's bureau, admitted this week that investigations were taking up to six months to resolve after investors had lodged complaints and bureau case workers had received the relevant investors' files.

He blamed the delays on the merger of several different complaints-handling schemes and arguments with insurance companies about the powers of the PIA ombuds-

The PIA ombudsman's office, which is now supposed to be handling the majority of complaints from investors about insurance companies. fund managers and independent financial advisers, has also been understaffed.

Often desperate investors have been caught in the middle of this administrative muddle. Mrs Durden and her husband Paul were advised to remortgage their home in 1990 to generate extra income for school fees. Their financial adviser, who was then a member of the Financial Intermediar-

Regulatory Association (Fimbra), persuaded them to remortgage their home for £105,000 with the Cheltenham Gloucester, the former

building society, more than doubling their existing loan of £47,000. Of the enlarged loan. £50,000 went into an Allied Dunbar investment bond managed by the financial adviser. The repayments on the mortgage were to be met by a 150,000 bank loan, while the income from the bond went towards funding the school fees and paying the bank loan.

But rising interest rates and falling stock markets in 1990 meant the cost of the extra mortgage rose, while income from the bond failed to materialise. The capital value of the bond had fallen from £50,000 to £46,526 when the Durdens encashed it in July 1991, in a bid to stem their losses. After paying off the bank loan and some of the larger mortgage with the proceeds, they were still left with an outstanding debt of £18,000.

Mrs Durden first complained to Fimbra at the start of the year after fruitless attempts to resolve the dispute with the adviser with the help of her solicitor. But Fimbra was being swept away in a regulatory reorganisation and no longer exists except to clear up loose ends. Independent financial advisers, including Mrs Durden's, are now regulated by the PIA. Complaints are dealt with by the PIA ombudsman, who is also supposed to be taking on the 90 complaints still outstanding from Fimbra — including Mrs Durden's. The PIA ombuds



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EUROPEAN **SMALLER** COMPANIES

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FID distributions will not carry a tax credit, although they will be treated as having been taxed at 20%. The only difference for you from a normal dividend distribution is that you will not be able to claim a tax ment if you are not liable to tax. Capital gains tax

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YOUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES

Caroline Merrell explains why motorists will be in for a shock when their insurance renewal arrives Why insurers love 55-year-old women

f you are young, live in the inner city or have a public by telephone rather chequered driving history, you could be in for a shock when it comes to renewing

your motor insurance policy. Some of the UK's biggest motor insurers are giving warning that premiums could rise by at least 7 per cent next year — with the biggest in-creases falling on higher-risk

drivers. Direct Line and General Accident have already increased rates, while Norwich Union, the UK's biggest motor insurer, is forecasting that premiums could rise by between 5 and 8 per cent over the next 12 months. Provident Financial, which insures 731.000 motorists, has already put up its premiums by 7 per cent this year, and expects to raise them by a further 7 per

cent before the year end. The rises follow several years of static or falling motor insurance premiums as stiff competition between the mofor insurers has had a big impact on prices. This decrease was the result of the success of Direct Line and Churchill, the direct insurers

which itself recently launched a direct insurance operation. points out that between 1993 and 1996 it managed to cut its premiums by 17 per cent. The forecast rate increases have been caused by the bad winter which led to an increase in the number of accidents. Norwich Union claims that more bodily injury claims

of cars stolen or broken into, of about 7 per cent, has added to the pressure on rates. A spokesman for the company said: "We believe we are ahead of the market in terms of increasing premiums. There has been a gradual increase in claims over the last year and a half. The severe winter months means there have been a lot more accidents. Economic activity is on

over the past year, up 8 per

cent, and a rise in the number

than through brokers.

more people are driving around. The message for those buying motor insurance is to shop

the increase, which means

around. There is a huge differ-

sive and the cheapest rates on the market. They are set according to age, sex, motoring history, and area. The biggest factor affecting premiums is

According to AA Insurance, which insures one million motorists, a 55-year-old woman driving a small to mid-range 10-year-old car is the best insurance risk. The broker's research also shows that the average premium for a 17-year-old male is around £2,005 a year, while the average premium for a 55-year-old

male is about £180 a year.

The loading for area is smaller. For example, a 40-year-old male driving a Ford Escort living in Liverpool will charged a third more than an equivalent driver living in the surrounding countryside. According to Motor Advice,

a London broker, the premi-

ums for a 30-year-old male

living in west London driving

a Vauxhall Cavalier would

vary from £884 with Pruden-

tial to £297 with Guardian

Direct. Both policies carry an

ers will only offer cover if approved repairers are used. Expensive audio equipment and mobile phones may also not be covered. Some motor insurance policies may also throw in RAC, Green Flag or

assume that the car is parked on the street, but assume it has

an immobiliser. The difference in rates for younger drivers is even more marked. Under the same terms, a 23-year-old could pay hetween £1.935 and £657. The former quote is from Zurich Municipal, and carries an excess of £150: the latter, from Admiral Insurance, carries an

excess of E350. Premiums are not the only thing to consider when buying a motor policy: the wording of the policy is equally as important. It is very important, for example, to check the level of

excess on the policy Some policies will offer cover for windscreens, while oth-

AA cover. It is also important to check whether you are insured to drive other people's cars, and whether the policy depends on your having a garage.

More take care of health headache by going private

vate healthcare was a luxury enjoyed only by a privileged elite. Seven million people are now covered by private health insurance (12 per cent of the population) and some experts forecast that, by the year 2000. this figure will have risen to 16

per cent. Perhaps the most significant aspect of this rise is the number of people who are actually buying private cover for themselves, rather than enjoying it as a perk of their employment.

There is a growing realisa-

tion, particularly among the

young, that universal

healthcare may no longer be available when they reach old With an ageing population than nine million people aged 65 or over in the United Kindom — and with the numbers of younger people supporting the National Health Service through the tax system dropping substantially, it is perhaps inevitable that individuals, certainly the affluent, will in future have to

take far more responsibility

for funding their own

healthcare costs. Central to all

debate on the future of universal welfare and health in the

All political parties, in spite

of the pre-election rhetoric, realise that in the long term, difficult choices will have to be made if any sort of universal system is to be sustained. And this new thinking has been welcomed by the private health profession. David Bryant, managing director of Bupa, when asked whether he thought the election of a Labour government would be bad news for the private medical industry, responded:

realise that eventually people wards their own health costs." In his book The Blair Revolution, Peter Mandelson, the Labour leader's aide talks of the National Health Service as being an essential safety net, thus suggesting that there is a valid role for private medical cover as a top-

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An alternative but not an NHS substitute

surance to cover the cost of private medical treatment are hoping that growing public concern about the National Health Service will lead to increasing sales of their policies. Yet they admit that the service they provide is no substitute for the NHS.

Tius is not always evident from the companies' marketing campaigns, which emphasise the breadth of their services and the "peace of mind" they provide. However. PPP Healthcare, which began an intensive advertising campaign nearly a year ago, has had to withdraw some words from its advertising after a ruling against it by the Advertising Standards Authority.

Complainants objected to every step ... all the help you need if you're ill which implied the company would assist in every circumstance when in fact there were exclusion clauses in the policy advertised. The ASA agreed that the claims exaggerated the scope of the plan and asked them to be removed.

No private insurer will pay for the whole range of treat-ment you can receive from the NHS. All companies limited their help to acute, ie, curable, conditions. Chronic ongoing conditions are not covered. John Dubois, PPP spokesman. said: Basically insurers will pay for treatment designed to make you well again. If a condinon does not respond to treatment and care is merely maintaining the status quo.

this will not be covered." Chronic conditions range from ailments such as hay fever or asthma to multiple sclerosis or kidney failure requiring regular dialysis. If you develop such a condition, your private insurer will normally cover costs for specialists and tests up until such time as the diagnosis is given. We would then in-form the policyholder that we can no longer cover the costs. giving adequate warning so other arrangements can be made," said David Ashdown of WPA. According to insurers. people are well aware of this and other limitations to the

cover they provide, though the of actual or potential draw-Office of Fair Trading (OFI). in its recent report into the health insurance industry, found evidence that indicated a significant level of misunderstanding.

For example, it referred to a survey carried out by the Hospital Management Trust in late 1995 which showed that a large proportion of patients believed policies covered a range of costs that they rarely do. These included: the fees of private GPs. 36 per cent; the cost of drugs at home, 43 per cent: the treatment of chronic conditions, 28 per cent; and psychiatric consultations, 33 per cent. It is always important to examine the list of exclusions. Most policies do not cover treatment for normal pregnancy and childbirth. in-

is made." He feared it may even be bad for consumers' health, "They are given a clear incentive not to seek medical advice during the moratorium period. The leading provider of mortoria policies is Prime Health, part of Standard Life. and the fourth largest insurer in the sector. Richard Roche, marketing director, defends the approach, saying it can allow customers to gain cover for pre-exisiting conditions that may be permanently excluded under other policies.

backs. Exclusions may well

not come to light until a claim

He said: "We spell out to potential policyholders very clearly what the implications of the approach are and in the last 18 months we have had

No private insurer will pay for the whole range of NHS treatments

fertility and sterilisation, den-tal and optical care, HIV and Aids, drug or alcohol abuse. cosmetic surgery, appliances, outpatient drugs and dress-ings and transplants.

One area where the greatest misunderstanding can arise is in relation to pre-existing conditions. These are permanently excluded under most policies which ask for details of past medical history.

But some companies operale a moratoria approach whereby such ailments may be covered if they do not recur within two years of taking out a policy, and no treatment, medication or advice has been received for that condition or any related condition during that period. However, the OFT came down against the moratoria approach and advised it should be abandoned. The scope for nusleading sales claims with these policies was a big area of concern. Policy-holders may believe they are purchasing more extensive cover than is actually the case. John Bridgeman, Director-General of the OFT, said: "For consumers it (the moratoria approach) involves a number

ically related to the moratorium clause referred to the insurance ombudsman lout of 56,000 claims during the same period). None of them has been awarded against us."

Mr Roche added that the company's research has found that the approach is popular among customers, and in spite of the OFT's recommendation, it has no intention of abandon-

ing this way of doing business. The advantage of the alternative approach used by insurers where a list of exclusions is drawn up at the start of a policy is that you know exact-

from day one. Misunderstandings can still arise for instance if application forms are not sufficiently detailed and prospective policyholders may fail to mention some past accident or illness for which they may not even have sought medical advice, only to find a claim rejected on the ground of non-disclosure. However, not all insurers that underwrite their policies exclude all pre-existing conditions out of hand. PPP and Clinicare, for example, will consider providing a higher premium. OHRA, the Dutch insurer, sometimes imposes temporary exclusions of one or two years only until the nature of a particular problem, such as a knee injury, is

The extent of the treatments covered is not the only area which prospective policyholders should be clear about before they sign up for a private medical insurance policy. Other vital features which need to be compared include limits on benefits, such as cash ceilings or exclusion of certain outpatient treatments. However, the complexity of the presentation of policies often makes such comparisons difficult.

Next week's orticle will highlight what to look for when buying a new policy.

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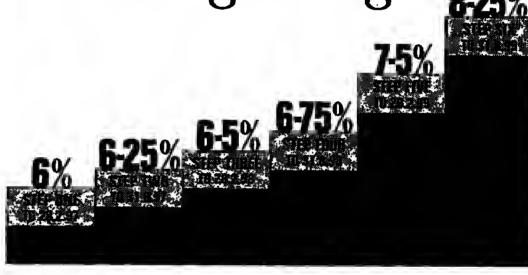
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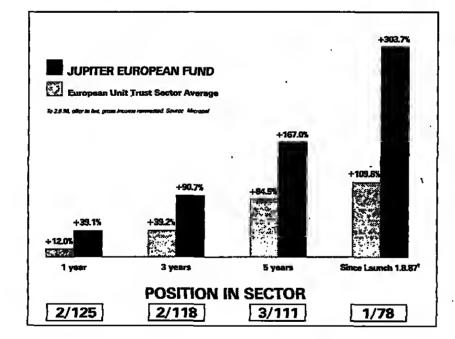
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High penalties for the Co-op's instant access

Sarah Jones thinks some new products are in danger of bending the definition

The new instant-access account from the Cooperative Bank is the equivalent of making a quick Blend granules but with coffee beaos and a percolator. You are allowed immediate access to your money - but at the hefty price of 30 days' loss of

Save Direct, launched on Monday, is part of the Co-op's telephone banking service. Interest rates are tiered, including 5 per cent gross on the minimum £1,000 balance, 5.5 per cent on £5,000 and 5.87 per cent on Et0,000.

Customers can arrange withdrawals by telephoning to request a cheque or a direct transfer to another account, but all withdrawals are subject to 30 days' loss of interest. Furthermore if you ask for a cheque you will be charged £5. And minimum withdrawals. at £250, are high for an instant- access account.

"It does fit within the defininon of instant-access," said Bill Eyres of the Co-operative Bank, "It is instant in that you can phone up and immediately transfer money, and you only lose interest on the

While the interest rates may be good for an instant-access account - though Alliance & Leicester's Instant Direct comes close on most of the ners and beats the Co-op on balances of more than £50,000 - a fairer comparison would be with a 30-day notice

tt does welt on balances of £1.000 but above that there is plenty of competition. The Chettenham & Gloucester Direct30 pays less on balances under £10,000 but does better on the larger balances. Chelsea's new 20-day postal account pays 6.05 per cent on £5,000 compared with the Coop's 5.5 per cent.

On all tiers above £5,000 Northern Rock's Great Northern Postal offers higher rates. Ironically Northern Rock also calls this an instant-access acount but again withdrawals are subject to 30 days' loss of interest. The society says it can only offer high rates of interest because of the withdrawal penalóes

"The Co-op calls this a longterm savings account and it should be seen as such, given the loss of interest," commented Christine Bayliss, investment editor of MoneyFacts.



Co-op's instant-access takes a lot longer than making a coffee

Obsolete accounts become obsolete

t last some good news for savers. Slowly but surely building societles are getting rid of that dead duck, the obsolete account. Even where societies retain an obsolete account, which is closed to new investors, they accept that savers have to be paid a better rate of interest.

This week the Portman building society announced that it is scrapping the paltry interest rates on its Closed Issue accounts. Instant-access accounts will now earn 4.5 per cent gross, while monthly interest accounts will earn between 2.75 per cent and 5.25 per cent, against less than 2 per cent in some of the old accounts. The terms and conditions, account numbers and passbooks of the old accounts remain the same - it is simply the rate of interest that has

"Past mergers mean that the society has taken on accounts that are not added said Mike Dobson, the Portman's corporate affairs manager. "We have written to savers before suggesting they move accounts, but we see this as a tidying up

The Bradford & Bingley has also been rationalising its accounts. In July it transferred the balances of more than half a million customers into new accounts paying better rates of interest. The Halifax too is getting rid of obsolete accounts. By the end of this month all two million of them should have been transferred into a Liquid Gold account. The society says that means savers will be getting at least the same rate of interest or a better rate than in their old account.

owever while some societies scrap obsolete accounts altogether and others simply improve the interest rates, confusion is setting in over what constitutes an obsolete account. Many building societies still have accounts that are obsolete in the sense that they no longer open to new investors. ily worse than those on offer from live accounts. The Nationwide, for example, says that like the Portman, it pays the

same rate on the equivalent accounts. The main problem for savers in obsolete accounts is that they normally cannot add to the balance and so if they want to invest more they will have to open a new account, Societies will normally let you transfer to the equivalent open account

without penalty. While societies might write to savers or scatter interest rate leaflets around branches, the onus is definitely on the customer to check the status of their account and whether the rate of interest can be bettered. Take a look at your account if you are with the Alliance &

Leicester, Bristol & West or Woolwich. If you want to transfer from an obsolete account, first make sure that the equivalent tier on the new account is paying more than your old one. Above all, in these days of mergers and conversions, check that you will retain your membership status, by moving into a share, not a and opening the new one simultaneously.

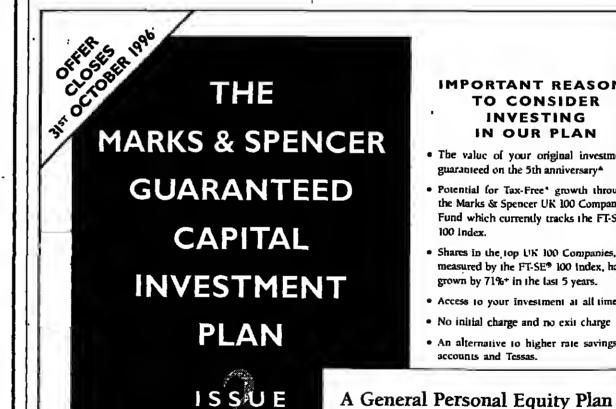
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According to Camelot figures this week, 51 per cent of jackpot winners are still working and of these 22 per cent are in the same job, 22 per cent have changed jobs and 7 per cent have ventured into new businesses. So if you are going to turn up at the office as usual on Monday, what should you do with the winnings?

"If you are going to buy a Ferrari and a house in the country, then you will immedlately cut your jackpot in half. You could instead see your winnings as a way of keeping yourself comfortable for the rest of your life," said Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de "But that means investing, not

spending, your jackpot." First thing to do is pay off the mortgage. You will save more on interest payments than you will earn with many investments. Say you have ten years to run on your £80,000 mortgage, you would save £17,880 in interest by paying it off early. Then you need a home for your jackpot.

Building societies

Many building society accounts are tiered in favour of the mega balance. If you want instant access. Alliance & Leicester pays 6.3 per cent gross for £100,000 or more. Among notice accounts, the Lambeth Postal 30 pays 6.5 per cent for £50,000 or more and the Universal one-year bond 6.8 per cent for over £100,000. For a longer-term fixed rate Britannia pays 7.75 per cent for over £100,000 until the year 2002. If you put a million into the latter after higher-rate tax you will earn £46.500 a year or £894 a week.

National Savings

For absolute security you may also put some of your winnings into National Savings but only some because there are low maximum balances. The tax-free certificates take no more than £10,000 for example. The three-month income bonds and the fixed oneyear first option bonds both currently pay 6.25 per cent on a maximum, £250,000. Invest in both and after tax you will earn £18,750.

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These are also relatively lowrisk since the annual bonuses are allocated even if the fund is not doing well. You can expect annual income of at least 5 per cent (net of basic rate tax) and more if you are not worried about growth.

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You should also consider these bonds which are also issued by large life assurance companies, and provide a fixed income. Premium Life, for example, is paying 6.5 per cent (net of basic rate tax) on £50,000 for a five-year term.

While you may be happy with such returns, inflation will rear its ugly head. "Inflation can really eat away at capital. After 25 years, assuming 3.5 per cent inflation, the jackpot would be reduced to £450,000 with obvious consequences on the income you can earn," said Mr Bolland. "It is therefore essential to look at investments which will also protect your capital, such as equities and even property."

With equities the income, or yield, may be lower at about 3 per cent but there is substantial growth which will replen-

ish the capital eroded by your other investments. He advises investing directly into solid UK shares and using invest-

ment and unit trusts for for-eign exposure. Index-tracking funds are a good long-term means of protecting capital.

It makes sense of course to

split your jackpot and put some into each of the low-risk and higher-risk investments. That way you can earn an income beyond the reach of

Mr Bolland added: "Irivested wisely, a jackpot could generate an annual income of £40,000 net for the rest of your life, without a mortgage to pay. Even if you didn't want to, your spouse could certainly afford to give up work."

Finally, look also at gilt-edged stocks, basically a loan to the Government that can provide a high income. On offer at the moment, for example, is a Treasury gilt giving a yield of 9.04 per cent, though the redemption yield is only 7.16 per cent since in the year 2001 you will get back less than you paid for it. With these sort of investments paying about 7 per cent, your jackpot after higher-rate tax would earn £58,800 a year or £1,130 a

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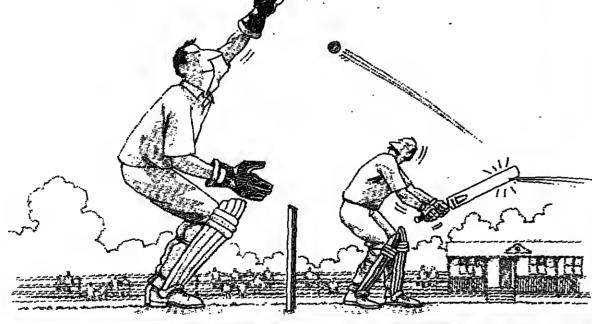
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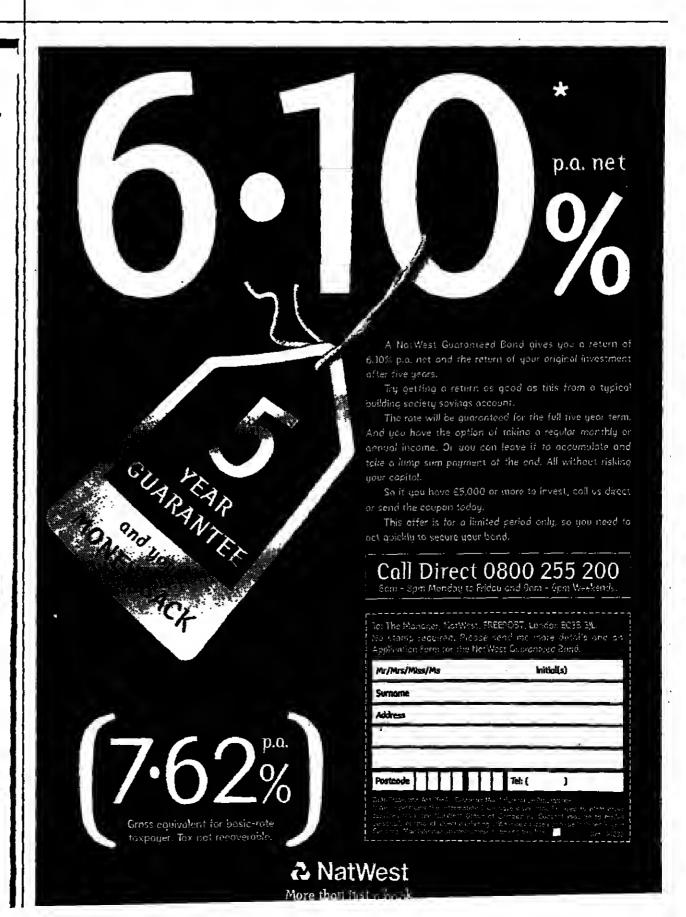
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Back to school again

Karen Zagor gives suggestions

of the different methods of saving up to finance school fee accounts

s the nation's school children pack their book bags and slip into their blazers for the first days of the new term, parents with children in independent schools may well be wondering whether they will be able

to afford another year of fees. For parents planning for the year ahead, the only certainty is that fees will continue to rise. They have increased annually for ten years and there is every indication that this trend will continue. In addition, school fees tend to rise faster than inflation; this year they are up 5 per cent, considerably higher than the underlying inflation rate of about 2.6 per cent. A year at boarding school now costs about £10,700, on average, while the average cost of a day school

place is about £4,500. Given the cost, financial planners advise pareots to start saving as soon as possible. Mark Bolland of Chamberlain de Broe, the financial adviser, said: "There will be some people who can afford to pay the fees out of income, but most people will want to pay from a mixture of income and capital so you need to build up the capital as quickly as possible. Even if you have a very high income now, there may be things that affect it in the future, so it is important that the whole term of the child's education is covered."

Which investments are best?

The answer will depend on your circumstances. There are, bowever, some constants for anyone planning to save for school fees. The first is safety. This is not a time when you want to put all your money into a venture capital or emerging markets fund. While the potential returns

may seem promising, there is the daoger that you will lose the money earmarked for your child's education.

Advisers suggest steering clear of special, school-fee investments. Jonathan Gumple of Brooks MacDonald Gayer. the adviser, said: "At the end of tbe day you want the best investment. Parents should be wary of some of the schools fees products. A number of insurance salesmen have taken a look at some insurance products that have not sold well and put a "schools fees" label on them. Parents think that because it has the right label it is the right thing for them when it isn't."

Before deciding where to invest, parents need to consider how long they have before they will need access to the funds, and whether they want to make an occasional, large lump sum investment or use a

monthly savings scheme. "School fees by their nature are long-winded affairs. You are trying to build a portfolio of investment which, when the time comes, will give you scope and flexibility. For most people, saving up enough from investment income is unrealistic," said Mr Bolland.

Peps are basically unit or

investment trusts with a Pep intended for school fees. wrapper which allows any gains or income from the fund to be free from tax. Each parent can invest up to £9.000 a year in a Pep, Most Peps come in both lump sum and regular savings form, so parents can choose which method they prefer. Monthly savings tend to even out the impact of market instability. Peps have the advantage of great flexibility. Funds can be taken out when needed, and savings can

A year at boarding school now costs £10,700 on average, while a day school place is £4,500

be halted or interrupted if your circumstances change.

Peps are most suitable for parents who have five years or . more to save because equity markets tend to rise over the long term, but there is a danger in short-term equity investments. Parents who already hold Peps that they plan to use for school fees should consider shifting their money from the Pep to the building society before the school bill arrives. Otherwise they could find that a bad week on the stock market has taken a big bite from the money they had

Investment and unil trusts

Most financial advisers see these as the best form of longterm savings. They are best started when the children are young, so there is enough time for the gains to offset the risks of the equity market. Investments can be made with lump sums or regular monthly savings of about £50 a month.

Zero dividend preference

These offer a greater degree of security than most equity investments, although they are not as safe as a National Savings or guaranteed product. They are generally regarded as low to medium risk. They pay out a fixed amount date, so parents know exactly what they are With-profits endowmeots

going to get at a particular point in time. They can also be staggered, so that they mature over a number of years when school fees are due. Returns are usually in the region of 7.5 per cent, income from zeros is classified as capital gains. Since most people do not use up their annual capital gains tax allowance, income should be tax free. You can only buy zeros with a lump sum. so these will not suit parents looking for a regular savings

Tessas, like Peps, have tax advantages. In the case of Tessas, interest is paid tax free provided the plan runs for the full five-year term. Fixed-rate Tessas allow parents to know exactly how much they will get when the fund matures, which is useful for those with enough time to plan ahead.

National Savings

National Savings offers products with solid, if uninteresting returns, which are utterly safe. The 9th Index-Linked Savings Certificates pays 2.5 per cent above inflation when held for five years, the 43rd issue of Savings Certificaes pays out 5.35 per cent a year compound when held for five years. Income Bonds are currently paying 6 per cent a year

These have come under heavy attack for hefty charges and disappointing returns, but Mr Bolland believes some of the returns can be excellent if the commission charges can be taken off. The schemes are also very secure, and they can be tax efficient. One disadvantage is that they need to be held for a long time, ten years is about the shortest term available. Mr Gumple believes there is little to recommend these plans, "but the penalties for taking the money early will stop you from rob-bing your children's piggy bank to buy a new home".

Educational trusts

Until recently, these were endowed with charitable status, so income could be paid out free of tax. Offered by financial advisers or insurance companies, they were a popular way for parents and grandparents to put aside a lump sum for education. Recent changes from the Inland Revenue mean that from April the trusts will lose their charitable status, so income will be taxable, making these trusts far less attractive.

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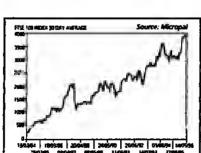


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These include: ■ M¢AM's compliance department, headed by Mike Whealey, which had to sign Girn Owen, MGAM's chief

investment officer for Europe. MGAM executives, who were alerted to three breaches of an investment rule in May. The trustees, General Accident and latterly Royal Bank of Scotland, which by law should have warned Imro about any rule breaches. General Accident qualified the European Growth fund's annual report this year as a result of the SIB rule 5.14

Jucy Delaforce, a spokeswoman for Imro, says: "We are still gathering informa-tion. We still don't know if therewas negligence on someone's part; if a third party is concerned, or someone within the irm. or if Morgan Grenfell's compliance officers are at faul. All these are questions that we will find answers for

Inro's own role is also likely to some under the spotlight. The regulator requires investment companies to submit quarterly returns and annual sutements on their funds. It also conducts on-site inspectims of companies and their fend managers, which range from 10 months to 30 months is frequency. The regulator refuses to comment on when it ast visited Morgan Grenfell. frequent contact is required if the public has direct contact with the company, as in the case of a fund manager. If we shought the firm had run into problems and needed handholding, contact would be monthly, weekly, or even

Remedial action by Morgan Grenfell and Imro has done little to stem investors' worries. When trading resumed on Thursday, private investors sold holdings worth £114 mil-lion. Morgan Grenfell anticipates that redemptions will be about 15 per cent over the next few weeks, higher than nor-

mal for this time of year.

Many investors have been angered at the lack of informauon provided by Morgan Grenfell. The company's first official communication went out on Wednsday.

Amanda Davidson, of independent financial adviser Holden Meehan, is particular-ly concerned to know how Morgan Grenfell will calculate the true price of units bought during the past year. She says: We have several clients invested in these funds. including some buying units on a monthly basis who have probably paid too much."

The affair is also expected lo have a knock-on effect on other investment companies. M&G, which intends to launch a new European smaller companies unit trust next week, has received hundreds of calls from wornied investors who had confused the two companies.

Rachel Medill, a spokeswoman for M&G, says: "We could be happier. It is absolutely the right time to be investing in Europe, but we are not expecting to attract hundreds of millions of pounds in the first month more like £50 million."

Thomas Allraum, fund manager of the new unit trust, says: "I don't have any plans to hold unlisted stock. If I ever do. I will want an undertaking that the company will be listed within 18 months. We are not venture capitalists." The Securities and Investments Board says it will be reviewing the rules on unit trusts' ownership of unlisted stock.

Question mark over compensation

The question of compensation for investors in the three Morgan Grenfell funds has to be resolved. Although in its letter to inves-tors the group seemed to be making a pledge of compensation, its other statements on the subject were contradictory.

On Tuesday the fund man-ager pledged to meet all liabilities in respect of any irregularities identified in the course of the investigation into these funds". But on Thursday Graham Kane, managing director of Morgan Grenfell Investment Management, attributed the funds' sharp falls to poor performing quoted stocks. Stuart Mitchell, who is now managing the funds, blamed the crosion on profittaking in the technology secwhere the funds have significant holdings.

In the past six months, the value of the funds fell 14 per cent, compared with a flat for European trusts overall. Many now believe that the funds were abnormally volatile because they held nearly 26 per cent in unquoted stocks. The investigation into the Morgan Grenfell funds has centred on the unquoted part of their portfolios.

Calls for compensation may come from investors who believed that they had put their money into successful funds with a limited exposure to unquoted stocks, only to discover on Tuesday morning that they had holdings in an entirely different, high-risk vehicle. In a damage limitation exercise, Morgan Grenfell spent the week trying to per-

suade financial advisers that the crisis was under control. Until recently Morgan Grenfell's European funds were the top performing trusts in the sector. Many advisers sold personal equity plans based on the trusts, as a way of allowing clients to diversify their Pep portfolios away from the UK market, which appeared to be peaking at the beginning of the year.

Morgan Grenfell also an-nounced that Stuart Mitchell would take the helm at its European Growth Trust and European Capital Growth funds, replacing Peter Young, whose unconventional invest-ments in unlisted companies led to the current crisis. Mr Mitchell joined the company in 1987 as a management trainee. Most recently, he has managed specialist European portfolios for UK pension funds. Keith Percy will be fund director. Julian Johnston will replace Stewart Armer as head of Morgan Grenfell's Europa fund. Mr Armer was suspended this week over unrelated matters.

Financial advisers appear to have accepted Morgan Grenfell's arguments that the new management team will be able to restore the funds' perfor-mance. But, privately, many fear that more evidence of mismanagement might emerge at the fund management operation. Best Investment. with £20 million of clients' money in the funds, was advising clients to wait and see.

CAROLINE MERRELL AND KAREN ZAGOR



Countdown to the suspension of Peter Young

1992 - Peter Young joins Morgan Grenfell from Mercury Asset Management.

May 1994 - Mr Young takes over management of the European Growth unit Trust.

April 1996 — Mr Young's managers first raise concerns at the spiralling level of unquoted securities held in the portfolios of his two funds. European Growth and European Capital Growth. He is instructed to reduce the proportion of unlisted securities, but given until the end of the year to do so because the stocks in question are hard to sell.

Mid-April 1996 - The FBI launches an unrelated investigation the affairs of Solv-Ex of New Mexico, which extracts oil from sand. June - The Securities and Exchange Commission, the US market watchdog, alerts its UK counterpart, the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), that it is looking into the role played Fiba Nordic, an SFA member, which arranged a \$70 million private placing of Solv-Ex shares. SFA widens the inquiry after reports after Imro raids Morgan Grenfell's London about transactions in Solv-Ex shares.

Early July - The SFA comes across two new names: Ice Securities, also an SFA member, and Mr Young. Ice Securities and Fiba Nordic provided independent valuations to Morgan Grenfell on the unquoted stocks. July 15 - SFA notifies the Investment

Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), Morgan Grenfell's watchdog, of links between SFA members and Mr Young, who is also personally authorised by Imro.

July - General Accident, Morgan Grenfell's trustees, raise the issue that the trust holds more than 10 per cent of a number of unlisted companies and is, therefore, breaching City unit trust rules. August 27 - Imro begins monitoring Mr

offices.

August 31 - Investigators dig up the first evidence of irregularities in three funds, European Growth, Europa and European Capital Growth.

September 1 - Morgan Grenfell decides to suspend the three European funds the next day. September 2 - Mr Young is suspended after a further Imro interview. Morgan Grenfell announces dealing has been stopped because of "the discovery of possible irregularities centred on certain unquoted securities held by the three

September 3 - Morgan Grenfell admits that up to a third of the £788 million European Growth fund was invested in unlisted securities in May. The Serious Fraud Office is notified by Imro about the Morgan Grenfell case and

maintains a watching brief pending compila-tion of a case file. Morgan Grenfell and Royal Bank of Scotland, which succeeded General Accident as trustee or custodian of two of the funds, obtain High Court writs freezing the assets of Mr Young and Russ Oil & Technology, a Luxembourg company with which Mr Young is believed to be closely associated.

September 4 - Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent company, takes unquoted securities from the three funds on to its own books at a cost of up to £200 million. Stewart Armer, fund manager of Morgan Grenfell's Europa fund is also suspended on an unrelated matter concerning suspected breaches of personal account dealing rules by using an outside broker instead of an in-house one as the rules stipulate.

September 5 - Dealing in the three funds

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One call saves Larry £152 on home insurance

SENIOR ANALYST Programmer Larry Rozmaryn and his wife, Ros, love the theatre. But these diys, the cost of the best seats is picey - and the couple, both 42, from Barnet, Herts, and with two daughters, Hayley, 14 and Leanne, 10, and the family's cat Mitch, to care for, an evening out a. a show followed by dinner is a rare luxury.

Nevertheless, when they celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary in September, the coude are planning to splash out and have booked seats for the new hit musical Martin Guerre and it's all thanks to Prudential.

When the buildings and content insurance on their end-ofterrace four bedroom house in Barnet, Herts came up for renewal recently, Ros decided to follow up on a number of advertising leaflets to see if they could

lower the cost of protecting their home. "We were paying £644.73p for our combined old policies and that seemed very expensive." By choosing to pay monthly, Larry and Ros were paying interest on top of the basic premium, taking the total cost of their annual premium to £709.20.

They wanted to pay less, yet achieve the same fully comprehensive, all risks, New-for-Old cover with legal protection and additional personal protection that their old policies afforded them. "We wanted a policy with a reliable, well-known company and one that would provide all the fine details", Larry explains.

And achieving that wasn't easy. "Ros rang Prudential and we were both delighted when they quoted us £557.17 for identical cover - a saving of over

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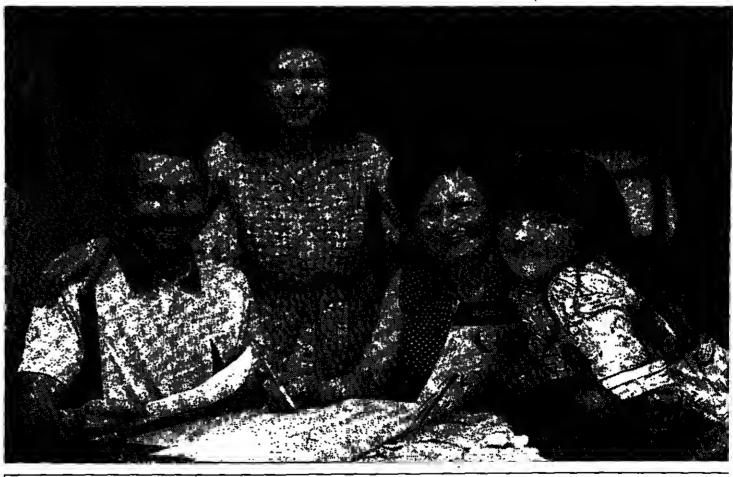
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To protect investors' interests, dealing was suspended in three Morgan Grenfell Funds on Monday 2nd September 1996. Morgan Grenfell European Growth Trust, Morgan Grenfell Europa Fund and Morgan Grenfell European Capital Growth Fund.

The reason dealing was suspended was because we were unable to value certain holdings within these funds.

Dealing resumed on Thursday 5th September 1996 in all three funds.

Our parent company Deutsche Bank bought all the holdings in all the companies where we were unhappy with valuations. This amounted to £180m.

We have appointed a new Fund Manager for the European Growth Trust and European Capital Growth Fund called

Stuart Mitchell. Stuart has enormous experience managing European Equities and an excellent track record.

Julian Johnston, who is the head of Morgan Grenfell's European Equity Team has taken over the running of the Europa Fund.

We are confident that our European Equity Team will be able to deliver the strong performance they have achieved elsewhere for other clients.

We would like to apologise sincerely for the obvious concern that these recent events have caused investors, and would like to reassure investors that we are working hard to ensure investors' confidence in Morgan Grenfell is fully restored and enhanced by the measures we are taking.

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My dear Humphrey

I have done my best to die before this book is published. It now seems possible that I may not succeed. Since you know that I am not enthusiastic about it you are generous to give me space for a postscript.

One of my predecessors at Canterbury on being shown his portrait and asked whether he thought it did him justice, replied "It's not Justice I need, but Mercy".

There is much that is just and more that is merciful in your story but I am afraid that they do not add up to my original idea for a biography. It is certainly not a hagiographical "stocking filler" but it is yet another personal investigation

ALEITER FROM ROBERT RUNCIE

heavily dependent on the skilfully edited tape recorder. Burbling into it for background, I find it reproduced for substance. It is not only the syntax which makes me wince. There is much that I never imagined I would see in print.

The "mischievous journalist" has plenty of material for a Sunday paper profile and enticing sentences to be chopped up for promotion; but the writer of The Inklings who brilliantly evoked the atmosphere of Oxford in the 40s does not seem to me to have fully grasped what it was like to be Archbishop of Canterbury in the 80s. Maybe some distancing is essential if all

the evidence is to be gathered in. I can image an historian in the distant future, fascinated by your words, saying "But surely there was more to it than that". Meanwhile I shall try to keep my sense of humour and the perspective of eternity. I am sorry that you have had such difficulty in "pinning me down". Indeed I have a strong suspicion that the whole experience has made you the Reluctant Biographer of Yours truly

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The reluctant Archbishop

Today The Times begins an exclusive serialisation of the controversial new biography of Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Here, Valerie Grove interviews its author, **Humphrey Carpenter**

o Robert Runcie, Humphrey Carpenter seemed the ideal biographer. Carpenter's father was Bishop of Oxford in the 1960s when Runcie became Principal of Cuddesdon theological college. Young Humphrey would attend Runcie's services twice each Sunday, and when the students performed end-of-term revues, guying Runcie's Muggeridge-like tones, Humphrey played the piano. The first Carpenter biography, of The Inklings (C.S. Lewis and his circle), drew a fan letter from Runcie. So he was not at all surprised to be Runcie's choice for his official biographer in 1991.

The two settled down with a tape recorder at Jennings Road, St Albans, the Archbishop's home in his retirement. Carpenter decided to write the book in the form of a diary - "Wednesday, went to St Albans, Runcie opened the door in shirtsleeves' ... the Boswell approach".

Mrs Runcie said "I bet you can't print most of it" but they never asked for a right of veto. "If he had asked for it, I would have said yes," Carpenter says. "But he didn't." Neither asked to see the work in progress. Runcie seemed relaxed about it.

"He could hardly have been less concerned about putting himself in a good light."
"He's very flirtatious, with both sexes,"
Carpenter says. "He has a way of making people feel good, talks very intimately and responds closely to whoever he's with. He loves gadding about to Jeffrey Archer's parties, John Birt's parties, Glyndebourne, Ascot. There's never been such a sociable archbishop since the Middle Ages. He is after all a boy from a pretty drab, suburban lower-middle class home on Merseyside, who got where he was by a

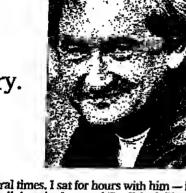
mixture of intellectual ability and luck."
Runcie was candid about various girlfriends he had, even when he was intending to be a celibate priest. There was a German girl he took up with when he was in the Scots Guards. And a long friendship with romantic overtones with Jenny Boyd-Carpenter - she was an ex-Jenny Boyd-Carpenter — she was an ex-model with split skirts, and he can still name her perfume — who bought him his first pig. Pig-keeping is one of the things the press seized on about him. "When he met Lindy [his wife Rosalind] she was the Trinity Hall bursar's daugh-ter; he says she has a very 'bursarial'

attitude to money. She's an outspoken and vigorous person and as you remember, when the tabloids made allegations about

her behaviour, she successfully sued."

It was Rosalind Runcie who read Carpenter's finished text first, and professed herself horrified. "She felt I'd betrayad confidence and in this betrayad confidence and in this case." betrayed confidences, put in things that were never meant to go on paper. But there was no dishonesty on my part he always knew the tape was running."

Runcie first wanted to suppress the book. "He asked me to treat it as an archive. I said that wasn't possible and he realised he wasn't in a strong position. And when they'd got over the first shock. they went through the text carefully,



several times. I sat for hours with him - it was all done in the usual English civilised fashion - and cut the things he really wanted taken out. So he has, in a sense, approved and censored the text. But he is still left feeling fundamentally uncomfort-able about the whole thing."

What upset Runcie most? "Well, I was rather horrified to discover that he didn't write the first drafts of most of his sermons and public speeches. People expect churchmen to write their own sermons, as my father did, and Runcie's pred The first draft of the famous Falklands sermon [People are mourning on both sides of this conflict'—at which Margaret Thatcher was said to be livid] was largely the work of Richard Chartres, now Bishop of London, echoing a Times article by Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford. "Runcie would enlist the help of almost

any friend - Gerald Priestland, Garry Bennett, or Peter Cornwell, who became a Roman Catholic priest — then rephrase, and almost learn by heart. He said it was because he lacked the time but actually he lacked the confidence to make initial statements himself."

And as Runcie's letter (above) says, the syntax of Carpenter's verbatim recordings made him wince. They lacked the carefully constructed precision of his formal ut-terances: "He would have liked the chance to polish up his prose."

arpenter wears the air of a harassed schoolmaster. "Purple shirt, no tie, shabby green trousers, untidy grey hair, long nose," as I heard him describing himself. He is 50, married to Oxford's senior education officer, has two daughters, writes children's books as well as biographies, is co-director of this year's Cheltenham Festival of Literature and plays in a band. When we met he had spent all day in the BBC archives. I found him absorbed in Dennis Potter scripts. His biography of Potter comes next—after his forthcoming history of Radio 3, The Envy of the World, and, of course, Runcie.

He remains affectionate towards his turbulent priest, and convinced that his portrait is fair. "He is fundamentally

conservative about almost everything in policy terms, but at the same time a total liberal. His conservative side may be horrified by this book, but his liberal side will enjoy it. It gives a true picture of his view of the Church of England and its internal fights, not just the big ones over public issues but the little backstairs assassinations, how people get on in the system and are chosen as bishops. And he never asked me to cut his views on the Royal Family, which were fascinating.

'I think the result allows him to reveal himself with candour as ao amusing, complex, self-contradictory man. When the dust has settled he may find people treat him with new interest and respect and he'll enjoy a new lease of life — he's 75 and on rollicking form — because he's a man who does love being in the public eye."

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The Crockford's attack that ended in death

Rev Gareth Bennett of New College, Oxford, wrote in his diary: A letter from Derek Pattinson |Secretary-General of the General Synod) asks me if I would write the anonymous preface to the next Crockford's! He wants it by the end of May. I do not think that I can face the work.

On the same day. Bennett heard that Richard Harries was to be the next Bishop of Oxford. He remarked in the diary: "f suppose I had thought they might ask me.

Črockford's Clerical Directory, the Church of England Who's Who, by tradition carries an unsigned preface which comments, sometimes acidly, on current ecclesiastical events. In many ways, Bennett was the ideal contributor. As much an Oxford don as a clergyman, he was a conservative High Church man who, disappointed in his ambitions, could be expected to take issue with trends within the Church, But he was also a shy man, a celibate who was uneasy in company, particularly that of women.

From 1980, Bennett was one of Runcie's regular speechwriters. Runcie says that he had asked for Bennett's help occasionally before he became Archbishop: "From time to time, if there was anything historical to be written, I would ask his opinion and Garry would write me a draft. I remember he was rather a master of quotations from Sydney Smith. He was

a great belo to me. Bennett took pleasure in hearing his own words from Runcie's mouth. His Oxford friend, John Cowan, recalls watching one of the royal weddings on television with Bennett, who proudly identified part of Runcie's sermon as his own work. Other ghost writers were happy to help Runcie and expected nothing in return. For Bennett, however, the working relationship raised his hopes that his career might take a favourable turn. Benneti's 1985 diary shows Runcie seeming to

take a great interest in his career. January 3, 1985: At the sherry before lunch I had a talk with Bob Runcie. He said that he wants us to have lunch later in the month and a

Runcie says that Bennett constantly fouled his chances of advancement through ill-judged behaviour. "I began to promote him as a person to be taken seriously. I put him up for several jobs. I tried to get him a canonry at Canterbury. But 1 remember John Baker [Bishop of Salisbury] saying, 'Anyone who's ever sat on a committee with Garry Bennett will run a mile at

the thought of promoting him.' Graham Leonard Ithen Bishop of Londonl was well aware of Bennett's ambitions. And his dependence on Runcie for fulfilling them: "A number of us used to say to him, 'Look, if you want to move anywhere, you've got to give up writing Bob's speeches and sermons. Because otherwise he won't let you go; he relies on you too much.' But Garry wouldn't do this."

Another year passed, and Bennett's hopes were still being disappointed. January 1, 1986: "... I had half expected to be offered some kind of senior church job but again nothing happened. A whole series of possible deaneries and bishoprics went by and often were filled with second-raters. Of course, during this year t have become closer to the Archbishop and clearly he owes me something and needs me in the present situation of the Church." Several letters from Runcie indicate the extent to which he now depended

on Bennett for material. "I don't know

at something to help me, or to talk some time by phone or face to face . . . You are the only person to date who in my present naked state had produced a brief which I could actually use!"

Runcie admits that he had little wish for personal contact with Bennett: "He was a menace on the telephone . . . He would go on and on ... I realise in retrospect how he must have craved

this sort of conversational exchange. Another undated letter from Runcie shows that he was still fuelling Bennett's hopes of a deanery or bishopric: "I only wish that I could do more for you. Rest assured that I will not cease from promoting the cause."

At the end of 1986, Bennett realised the futility of his position and on February 20, 1987, wrote in his diary: The ineffable Richard Harries [the Bishop of Oxford] filled the religious slot [on Radio 4] with honeyed vacuity. What do I do? The prospect of staying on in the C of E as I am, a fishout-of-water in a church dominated by the liberal establishment, is not invit-

place in its leadership, only in its

and very critical, both at the same

time." In fact, Bennett's emotions about

Runcie were being affected by events

since he had accepted the commission.

On February 1, 1987, he went to Bushey

Heath in Hertfordshire to preach for

its vicar, George Austin [now Archdea-

con of York). After lunch, according to

Bennett's diary, Austin produced "an

interesting computer read-out which

showed how virtually every episcopal

or decanal appointment was Bob R's

nepotism, ft shook me, and I began to

see t had really no chance." The print-

out, which is among Bennett's papers,

seemed to him to demonstrate that

opposition.

Unprecedented attack on Primate

The preface was finished on July 9, well after Pattinson's original deadline. "I shall have to brace myself for its publication next December. ft could cause an explosion! And I shall certainly be suspected! But now t do not care!"

The first section contained nothing controversial; it was a shrewd summary by an accomplished church historian of the predicament of the Anglican Communion. Then the preface turned to the head of the Church.

"Robert Runcie has been Archbishop of Conterbury since 1980 and has already established himself as a notable holder of the primacy. He has intelligence, personal warmth and a formidable capacity for hord work."

There were other compliments, then: "It would therefore be good to be assured that he actually knew what he was doing and had a clear basis for his policies other than taking the line of

noted: "I stayed in trying to work on Seen it — and it was already in Crockford's, which is beginning to be a circulation." When he read it: "I think I spotted it was Garry at once". But he was not particularly disturbed by the preface. Attacks on his style of archbishopric had become commonplace, and: "I thought, Garry's said these sort of things to me before. I didn't take it all so seriously.

The press officer was quicker off the mark. On the day before publication. Bennen received "a series of telephone calls from various newspapers asking if I were the author of the Crockford's preface. They concentrate on it entirely as an attack on the Archbishop, ignoring all the rest of it. I simply denied that I was the author! What was the alternative?"

Thursday, December 3: "A very restless and sleepless night, consumed with anxiety and regrets over this wretched article. Up at seven and to the shop to buy up the papers. A great spread in The Times with a full page of quotacons. The general view was that the Archbishop has been 'savaged'. I suppose f was nail not to an ocipate this

On the morning of publication, the. Tory papers were inclined to agree with the preface-writer in their esti-mate of Runcie and continued to give the story prominence the next morning. Bennett, who had spent "another wretched night", recorded: "A reporter from the Moil rang up to offer me E5,000 if I was the author and wished to go public with them. He said it was rumoured that an announcement was to be made in the next 48 hours." Bennett's diary ends here.

Monday evening, there began to be some concern in New College at Bennett's non-appearance - he was to have been conducting entrance examinations for history candidates - and John Cowan decided to call at his house. "I knocked on the door and got no response." Cowan summoned Bennett's next-door neighbour, who had a door key because he was often asked to feed the cat.

"We opened the front door . . . As we went in we saw first of all [Bennett's] suitcase on the stairway. Then we saw the cat was dead in the sitting room ... I looked into the garage. It was not very light, the lights are not very good in the garage, it was half-light. I looked into the car. We saw Dr Bennett stretched out in the passenger seat. I realised that he was dead."

Next morning, Tuesday, December 8, The Sun led with the banner headline "Runcie row author kills himself". That day, there was due to be a meeting of the policy subcommittee of the General Synod (of which Bennett had been a member). The meeting was held in private; at its conclusion, a coolly-worded statement was issued expressing "grief" at Bennett's death and deploring the "various pressures to which Dr Bennett had evidently been subjected following the preface's

Runcie, who was present, recalls the meeting: "Everybody was waiting for this statement, and one nice member of the committee said: 'Oughtn't we to couple it with a statement of our loyalty to and affection for the Archbishop?" And one by one by one these characters said: 'I don't think so, that's another matter. If we were to say we supported the Archbishop, that would suggest that there was a question of people not supporting him. I suppose I felt a bit hurt. I thought, I've devoted hours to these piddling meetings, and they're not prepared to put up some linle



Bennett claimed Runcie "puts off all questions until someone else makes a decision"

uncie was trained for ordination at Westcott House, a nation at vesicon to place designed for gentlemen amateurs rather than serious theologians, though it had consistently produced more bishops than any other Anglican seminary. Its style was set by the principal, Kenneth Carey, who was snobbish

but stimulating company. What about the obviously homosexual atmosphere? "I wasn't conscious of it. f was amazingly innocent about the gay world. amazingly ignorant I remember Richard Hare saying that Ken must be constantly torn by his physical reactions to handsome young men, and it had never occurred to me. But I had no time for the sloppy emotionalism of Westcott. I made common cause with a group that was in opposi-tion to it, led by somebody who became my suffragan bishop when I was at St Albans. Vie Whitsey. who was from Lancashire, and was prepared to start putting the knife in. There was a termly news hulletin, the Record, and Vic wrote in it. Do you belong to Athens or Jerusalem?" - a protest against the homosexual atmosphere."

Was this his first encounter with the element of homosexuality in the Church of England? "It was really. But I don't think there was any physical expression of it, no going to bed together. I think not. though I can't say for certain.

"Ken was quite proud of me, because I was somebody who had 'had a good war' and, though I say it myself, I belonged to a group of rather promising characters who had academic honours. But I was never really close to Ken. I was

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ft was in this state of mind that he questions until someone else makes n accepted Derek Pattinson's invitation decision. One recalls a lapidary phrase of Mr Fronk Field that the Archbishop is usually to be found to write the anonymous preface to the 1987 Crockford's. Pattinson does not noiling his colours to the fence." The preface turned to other targets.

The press saw the Crockford's preface as an attack on the Archbishop

ing. I am now excluded from any real least resistonce on each issue ... He

give the impression that his choice was motivated by malice towards Runcie. The General Synod was "virtually sked if he knew that Bennett powerless and consistently ineffective", was going to be criocal of Runcie, he says: "I knew from most of the debates were merely for show. Power was with the diocesan general conversation with bishops. This had led to a "virtual him, then and on other occasions, that exclusion of Anglo-Catholics from his view of Robert was very affectionate

> representation of Evangelicals". Here, the attack on Runcie resumed: "One thing cannot be doubted: the personal connection of so many ap-pointed with the Archbishop of Canterbury himself ... Though one may accept that an archbishop should have influence on oppointments, it is clearly unacceptable that so many are the prateges of one mnn and reflect his

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has the disadvantoge of the Intelligent

pragmatist: the desire to put off oll

own ecclesiastical outlook." The preface concluded by hoping that the Church of England could be rescued from "its present suburban captivity" and become "once again a Church for the English people".

liberal churchmen had generally been preferred to Anglo-Catholics and Runcie recalls that he first heard of the preface from Eve Keatley, the Bennett found the Crockford's preface very hard to write. On March 27, he Lambeth press officer: "She said, 'I'm very worried about this.' I said I hadn't

Facing the dilemma of gay clergy

statement of support'."

Anglo-Catholic. very amusing in conversation, and the best of the three lecturers ... He hadn't had his breakdown yet."

evangelicals.

When it came, what caused it? "His relationship with his family. and his homosexuality, and his rage at the way he hadn't been able to express himself. All this is charted in his autobiography. which has created great scandal because he's so open about his homosexuality."

The book is called Some Day I'll Find You. It was published in 1982 with the author's name as "H.A. Williams, CR" — the inidals stand for Community of Resurrec-tion at Mirfield, of which Williams is nowadays a member. Williams trained at Cuddesdon and became a curate at All Saints, Margaret Street. He describes himself at this stage of his life as "God's blue-eyed boy or — perhaps a better descrip-tion — his lady companion . . . This God of mine forbade me to be three-quarters of what I was ... The elimination of sex was one of the most important clauses in the contract I had made with him ... Even mildly attractive people God regarded as his sexual rivals ... And since sex and emotion are so closely bound up together, there were whole realms of feeting which were also frozen. God wanted me to be an emotional dwarf so that I might give my stunted heart wholly to him. And I used to tell him that my heart was stunted because I didn't love him

'I've always been conscious that the homosexuals might stab me in the back because I wasn't one of them'

sion. I could almost feel him patting me on the head. " Williams joined the staff of Westcott House in his late twenties, just before Runcie arrived there. His description of Ken Carey is much the same as Runcie's: "A supremely good principal ... within limits. For if a young man was not particularly attractive physically and came from a lower-class background, then Ken was no use tu him at all." Williams moved on from Westcott to a Fellowship at Trinity College. Cambridge, where he "fell hope-

lessly for a male colleague, and

was soon experiencing a severe nervous breakdown. Then he recovered, be chose a sexually liberated way of life: "During the next years I stept with several men. in each case fairly regularly. They were all of them friends. Cynics, of course, will smile, but I have seldom felt more like thanking God than when thus having sex." He continued to officiate as a priest, was the Dean of Chapel at Trinity, and became a monk at Mirfield when be was in his fifties. Talking to Runcie about the

sexual atmosphere at Westcott, I

mentioned that several of his

friends had told me that he

thought of getting married in those days, and believed that I would be content to be unmarried, though I preferred female to male company. No. that's too extreme in the second regard, because I was clubbable and enjoyed male company ... There was a crude economic element in it. I never had any spare money to marry the sort of girl who I found good company. Does that make sense?"

Carpenter: "Yes, up to a point You'd had lots of girlfriends and yet you really could imagine yourself leading a celibate life?" Runcie: "I know that it sounds odd, and f think that it was perhaps something that never got resolved. And it was only when t got married that t realised how foolish I had been, how enjoyable it was. And yet Lindy would still say today that I'm three-quarters bachelor, really. Because there's a great deal of retiring into books. and retiring into the male club whether the church or the academic male club or the military male club - because I'm so at home and

protected there.
Carpenter: "People have sometimes interpreted you as having, if not a homosexual private life, then a sort of ... "Runcie "Yes, I know." Carpenter: "And the Spitting Image version of you is immensely efferninate," Runcic: "Yes."

ing for a bachelor existence can be shyness ... I wonder whether, for all your clubbability, you aren't possibly much shyer than you

Runcie: "Insecure, 1 think. My earliest memory of going to parties as a child was getting halfway up the stairs and discovering that t was so terrified that I couldn't speak. And trying to establish myself in school and in the regiment and in Oxford and then theological college was always an anxiety to me. But because I had the kind of gifts that were clubbable gifts, t was quite good at it - a mixture of anxiety about it, and yet an interest in other people.

Carpenter: "What is your feeling about practising homosexuals among the clergy?"

Runcie: "I've never found dealing with homosexuals very easy. I've enjoyed their friendship, but I've always been conscious that they might stab me in the back because I wasn't one of them. I generally take the line that heteroexual relationships are the norm for Christian behaviour, so that the young should be brought up to believe that genital sexual activity is something between different sexes. But of course, I do recognise that there are people for whom that's impossible, and that there must be some tolerance of same-

quite outstanding clergy, now happily married, who were homosexual when training for ordination. One of them was seriously at risk with the police for going out to hunt for partners. And yet, with treatment, and with the right sort of girl determined to marry them, they're happily married and have

Carpenter: "Surely the reality is that the church has a large percentage of clergy who are homosexual by inclination, and in many cases discreetly practising?"

Runcie "Yes. but oddly enough and you may think this very naive of me - until I became concerned about it, because of the campaigning of people like Richard Kirker |Secretary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement). didn't realise the extent of

homosexual clergy. I think, mind you, that it is exaggerated now. because of the availability of the London clergy to grab the headlines. I honestly don't think that in good old-fashioned dioceses like Newcastle it is a huge problem. But yes, I'm not comfortable at ordaining somebody whom I know to be a practising homosexual, and I tried to hold that line t reckon now it's a difficult line to

hold." I raised the point with Ene James, a priest Runcie had known since Cambridge days, that many people assumed that Runcie was gay. "The word 'gay' is so complicated," James answered, "If you said Robert is gay, you'd be cutting out a large part of him.

Not that he means that Runcie is a practising homosexual; merely that many elements can be found in his sexual psychology.

Edited extracts from Robert Runcie. The Reluctant Archibishop. by Humphrey Carpenter, published next month by Hodder and Stoughton. £20

IN THE TIMES ON MONDAY The Archbishop provides a close-up view of Britain's

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Don't despair about the weather, let's celebrate the arrival of autumn because it brings six months of good eating and hot food

carefully scanned last Sunday's newspapers but spotted no reference. I even scoured Monday's, thinking it might have been held over a day, but no. Were we not blessed with being out of the reach of cahle iclevision. I would have checked that new all-food station to see if they, of all people, had realised the significance of the day. I bet they didn't. The sad fact which has to be faced is that we have arrived, at long last, at a month with an r in it, and yet nobody seems prepared to make the effort to throw a hat in the air, dance down the street and

shoul it from the rooftops. But I shall. Now that it is behind us, I can reveal my true feelings about summer cooking. I loathe it. For me, there is nothing more depressing than the appearance of the first spring asparagus, for from then onwards it is a steady dive into lepid summer eating, terminating in a depressing pool of chilled soup somewhere around the August Bank Holiday.
It is not even good for us either, with

most summer food needing dollops of dressing and mayonnaise to kid us that

Goodbye salads, hello puddings

HOME MADE

better if it were hot. But now it is all over. It is at last September, and we have six months of good eating ahead of us before the green asparagus spears point grimly to another season of chilled fodder. Throw more coal on the fire, get out the pudding sleamer, rub the rust from the chestnut roaster. And throw a blanket over that barbecue, lest it gives us nightmares.

In the age of cook-chill and airfreight, not many contemporary cookbooks celebrate the seasons, but my 1937 edition of Elizabeth Hallett's Hostess Cookbook can hardly contain itself. "September is an important month in the calendar of the epicure. It is the month of oysters and partridges, pork and hares, while vegeta-bles and fruit are in abundance." She goes on to remind us that a "little smart frock for the evening . . . is one of the little etceteras that go to make or mar a

are less used to Ms Hallett's starched and wellhemmed school of catering might find themselves more at home with a slim volume, also from 1937, called The National Mark Calendar of Cooking. The National Mark, it

tells us, was "a governmen trade mark, a safeguard of quality - a kind of proto-type Chartermark. Maybe John Major has a copy but some of its boasts ring a little hollow these days. The housewife can be sure of her beef

being what the butcher says it is, because it was graded by an expert from the Ministry of Agriculture." Ahh ... um. The booklet is divided into months and, like me, the men from the ministry

rises in them once September arrives. "Chickens are much larger, almost monster now; and with Michaelmas Day, the goose comes into his prime ... long evenings propel us towards dessen ... hungri-er and less difficult to please, the mere man re-

Paul Heiney

less exacting for the next six months." So I tried one of these September recipes. It was the carrot pudding to which I was propelled. Do not rumple your little black frock by hunting for the required half pound of National Mark carrots: the scheme, unaccountably, did not last. You will also

apses into his autumnal

habits and the housewife

knows that her task will be

cannot resist the urge that need two eggs. 40z of butter, 20z of caster sugar, fresh breadcrumbs and a teaspoon of cinnamon.

Wash the carrots, boil until lender and whizz until they are a mush. (Sorry, but time was too short to resort to the sieve.) Cream the butter and the sugar and add the yolks of the egg, the carrot puree, about six slices of white bread made into crumbs and a hefty leaspoon of cinnamon. Mix well together.

Take the whites of the two eggs whisk until they are stiff and stir them very lightly into the mixture. Problem. My mixture was so dense that there was never any possibility that it would part in any direction to allow the entry of any egg white. So I stirred it all in a hasty way, cursing the Ministry of Agriculture and deciding that this recipe proved once and for all that they never

You are supposed to steam this mixture for two hours, but I did not feel like wasting the fuel, this being 1937 and a war due any minute. Instead, t slinig the whole lot in a moderate oven for half an hour, expecting the bin to be its next port of call.

No one was more surprised at the outcome than me. Not only was I propelled towards one helping, but quickly to a second. Despite its uncooked density, it turns out surprisingly light; halfway between a sponge and a suel pudding. Just right for the season, really: we are past the days of airy mousses but not yet ready for the heavy stodge that keeps out the cold.

I am now only sorry that I did not make the government-recommended lemon sauce to go with it. "Boil the rind of a lemon in water for five minutes, add an ounce of sugar, an ounce of butter, the juice of the lemon and the eggs beaten up. Stir very carefully in a double saucepan until the sauce thickens, strain and serve." I am sure it works. You can trusi Mr Chamberlain.

CHOCOLATE BOX

THIS Easter, Selfridges sold two tons of Lindt minieggs (£3 for 226g/ 8oz, Easter only) in as many weeks. This Christmas its confectionery hall will sell about 200kg (500lb) of its own champagne truffles (£4.75 for 226g/8oz). In other words, one or two of its customers enjoy chocolate which is why, six years ago, the London department store started Chocoholics, a weeklong chocolate festival,

This year, 14 chocolate makers or suppliers will be handing out samples or demonstrating culinary tricks with chocolate from September 19 to 28, and about 3,000 people will slaver their way to this chocolate shrine.

Correction. According to Selfridges's chocolate buyer, customers do not slaver. They are more interested in the science and theory of their favourite food than troughing through samples.

Some chocolatiers use Chocoholics as a forum to launch new products. Montgomery Moore (01483 722055). for instance, will reveal its white chocolate sauce (£4.95 for 195ml/8oz). This is not for purists who believe there is oo such thing as while chocolate.

However, Sheila Torrance, who started the company five years ago, had so many customers asking for highquality white chocolate that she devised this brandy butter lookalike. Made from pure cocoa butter, cream and whisky, it keeps for three weeks in the fridge once opened — unless it is in my fridge, that is.



orange peel, similarly dipped (£5.99 for 150g/5.3oz), are popular and so are apricots dipped in white chocolate (£4.25 for 140g/50z). Huuse of Dorchester (01305

264257) will be offering its relatively new mint crunch truffle (£2.99 for 65g/2½oz) and Belgian chocolate maker Godiva (0171-495 2845) will be demonstrating chocolate dip-ping as will the English chocolate house Ackermans (0171-624 2742).

JANE OWEN

 Entry lickets (£6) can be bought on the day at the entrance to the third-floor exhibition centre. Selfridges, Oxford Street, London W1 (0171-629 1234).



Hot stuff: babyfood containing spices has proved a surprise hit. "If you give babies bland food, then they have trouble eating fennel when they are six," says Belinda Mitchell of the Original Fresh Babyfood Company

Born to be wild

ANYONE WHO has been through the Earth Mother stage that invariably accompanies the arrival of a first born will remember the earnest chopping, sieving and pureeing that went on to ensure that Precious was weaned on real food. The intention was laudable but tended to result (in my case at least) in all food being reduced io a khaki sludge. But ai last you can guiltless-

ly abandon these unrewarding tasks because the Original Fresh Babyfood Company has come up with some fresh baby foods. The range — which should be available in Asda, Safeway and Waitrose by the end of the month — includes such gastronomic delights as rice with courgette and a little banana, baked fish with fennel, and potato, mushroom and sweet pepper risotto, all made without fillers, colours or additives. Recommended prices are from 99p to £1.29 for

a pol.

What is interesting is that

many of the recipes contain spices such as coriander, cum-in and cirnamon as well as very grown-up flavours such as fennel. Belinda Mitchell. who runs the company with her husband Keith, and who tested the recipes on her children and their friends, says that distinct flavours go down well with babies. "If you give babies bland food," she says reprovingly, "then they have trouble eating fennel

when they are six." Lizzie Vann, the founder of Baby Organix, an organic babyfood company, agrees. Organix has had a surprise hit with a vegetable and coconut korma - one of the products vegetarian range contains coriander, cumin, tumeric and ginger And for those of you who don t want the Earth Mother funcoon taken away entirely. Organix now has a range of dried pastas and matching jars of sauces. You can find Organix products in Boots

and most large supermarkets. Oyster offers

SEPTEMBER sees the start of the native oyster season and much singing and dancing across the nation's fish restau-rants and oyster bars. Randall

and Aubin in Brewer Street. London W1 (0171-287 4447), is offering a glass of champagr and six dysters for £7.50 to theatregoers (or any other oyster-lovers) who turn up between 6pm-7pm. If you can manage to make it to Sheekeys in St Martin's Court, London



Fiona Beckett

WCI (0171-240 2565) next Thursday, when it celebrates its centenary, you can buy oysters for just 10p each. If you thought fresh oysters were available all year round

these days, they are — but they're the farmed Pacific or rock oysters, which are distinguished by their large, craggy-looking shells. Unlike natives (which are smaller and flatter) they don't breed in the cool waters off the British coast so

never have an off-season. Oyster aficionados maintain that the native variety is superior in flavour, but this year they are also likely to be

twice the price.

Personally. I find rock oysters will do nicely. Some of the best I've had are from Ireland. Cuan Sea Fisheries of Killinchy in Co Down (01238 541461) will send any amount you want by overnight carrier. A delivery of two dozen, for example, would cost £23, post and packing included.

Tuscany taster

tF YOU ARE plunged into gloom at the thought that summer is nearly over, there's still time to book a last-minute break with Tasting Italy (0181-964 5839), which has a few places left on its Tuscan cookery holidays from September -23 and 23-29, and October 7-13. For Times readers it is knocking £200 off the £985 cost of the week, which includes all tuition, meals and wine but not flights, which start at about £160.

Unlike some cookery holidays where you can just loaf around watching someone else do the work, Tasting Italy holidays are hands on. You Francisco for a couple of

mastered the art of making gnocchi, risotto, pasta, pizza and various kinds of Italian bread. You'can tell your bank manager I led you on.

should come back - several

pounds heavier - having

Hobnobbing

IT'S A TOUGH old life in the world of advertising, thinking of riveting things to say about your client's often mindnumbingly dull product, so a significant anniversary comes as a godsend. . Recently, I have learnt that

this year marks the tenth anniversary of Hobnobs, the fiftieth anniversary of scampi and the hundreth anniversary of chop suey.

The accompanying press releases tend to be full of the type of spurious facts that are useful only to people who have to organise quiz evenings.

Did you know, for example, that in 1995 the UK biscutt market was worth £1,649 million? Or that we consume more than 34,000 tons of scampi a year — equivalent to the weight of 4,285 double-decker buses? Or that chop suey is not Chinese at all but was knocked up on the spur of the moment by a chef in San

sticky consistency. Season with salt and pepper. Put a lid

Mix vodka with orange juice.

Pre-heat oven to 220C/ 425F/Gas mark 7.

Add ice and slices of lime.

on the dish.

Serve drinks

Serve avocados

sailors who came in for a late night meal?

What they don't tend to answer is the question: how does anyone know? The invention of Hobnobs is within fairly recent memory but where did scampi suddenly spring from? Did someone discover it in a basket under a gooseberry bush?

According to Young's, which admittedly has a vested interest in being the hero of this particular story, the dish stems from postwar London food shortages.

In 1946, an Italian chef at Manetta's, a restaurant in the West End. couldn't get hold of lobster and asked Young's, then restaurant suppliers, to find an alternative. After a long search, they came up with another member of the lobster family (Nethrops norvegicos) which chef Augusti deep-fried and named after a dish from his native Italy, scampolo.

So now you know.

More food and drink in the Magazine

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Tune in, turn on, eat lots



Avocado pears with prawn cocktail Duck d l'orange, onion rings and pototo croquettes

Peach melba

These 1970s dinner-party staples, deemed unfashionable by some, are genuinely delicious. Deck out in flares, sky-blue eye shadow and lapels down to Australia, put some funky vibes on the hi-fi and get down to a Saturday night supper. Serve vodka and orange beforehand, this time with good-quality orange juice and slices of lime.

Make melba sauce Whizz up 500g (Ilb 202) raspberries in a food processor.

Make prawn cocktail You can use shop-bought prawn cocktail or quickly make your own. Mix 6tbs mayonnaise with 3tsp tomato

FAST FOOD

■ Make duck à l'orange Take the skin off six duck breasts. Brown the meat in a little oil in a large casserole dish over a high heat Meanwhile, cut two bulbs of fennel into small chunks and six spring onions into 5cm lengths. Mix the duck with

425ml (4 pint) of good orange juice. libs soy sauce, the fennel and spring onions. Turn down the heat to medium and cook for seven to ten minutes. turning the meat over once or twice until it is cooked but still pinkish and the sauce has reduced down to a slightly

Shopping List

Fruit and vegetables 500g (11b 2oz) 2 bulbs fennel 6 spring onions 1 lemon I lime 6 avocados 450g (11b) frozen onion rings 670g (1½1b) frozen

potato croquettes

6 peaches

a few shakes of Worcestershire sauce

Dairy 500ml vanilla ice-cream

1.2 litres (2 pints) good

Cut six avocados in half and remove stones. Put on plates and fill with prawn cocktail. Garnish with lemon slices. Before you sit down to eat,

put the onion rings and croquettes in the oven for 10-15 minutes (or according to packet instructions). Serve duck

Heat up duck and sauce. Serve with the onion rings and potato croquettes.

halves on each plate. Put a small scoop of vanilla ice-

Meat and fish 300g (Hoz) cooked prawns 6 duck breasts

Iths soy sauce

Serve peach melba

Cut six peaches in half and remove stones. Put two peach **GARDENING**

Two leading gardeners will join The Times theme cruise to the joys of Madeira and the Canaries

Palmitos Park on Gran Canaria, a dry valley where the island's natural flora has been augmented with exotic imports, including the Giant Redleaf and the sandpaper vine

Our voyage to another Eden

bugloss and the outlandish

dandelion tree - and with

fascinating cultures and tradi-

tions that have resisted dilu-

The islands are among the

remnants of the landmass that

connected the west coast of

Africa with the Americas be-

fore the continental drift. Oth-

er places in this group include

the Azores, Canaries and Cape

Madeira is set in a sea warmed by the Gulf Stream

and the northeast trade winds,

you can see butterflies on the

wing and flowers in bloom

almost as profusely on Christ-

Rainfall is distributed evenly

through the year and tempera-

tures are but a few degrees

lower in winter than summer.

Add to all this a fertile volcanic

soil, rugged mountain scenery

and verdant valleys, and you

have the recipe for a demi-

The best way to arrive is by

sea, from which you see the

6,000ft Pico Ruivo. As you

near the coast, the colours

become clearer: red terracotta

roofing on the white-walled

villas, magenta bougainvillea.

and the startling orange

blooms of the African tulip

trees that line the harbour

front. The main streets of the

capital, Funchal, are planted

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tion from the mainland.

with jacarandas and Tipuana

tipu, with blue and yellow blossoms at the height of the

flowering season. Pink-flow-

ered kapoks are dotted about

the town, along with frangi-

pani, sausage trees - with salami-sized fruits hanging on

yard-long stems — and senna bushes whose flowers, if you

rub them, smell like peanut

Perfect growing conditions have resulted in magnificent

subtropical gardens. Quinta do Palheiro (the Blandy

garden), created in an English

style, has Australian black boy

plants, delphiniums and

tender iviexican sages rubbing

shoulders to create a charm-

ing if chaooc ensemble, kept in

bounds by neat pathways and

A developing collection of

South African natives includes

proteas, silver trees and or-

ange-flowered pincushion

bushes, but in winter camel-

lias steal the show. There's a

veritable forest of them, ready

to sprinkle you with petals as

you walk under the branches.

The Canary Islands are

strikingly different from Ma-

deira. On Tenerife, Gran Ca-

naria and La Palma rugged

carryons and craters are fur-

nished with forests of the

native pine Pinus canarienis,

a graceful tree with soft,

clipped hedgelets.

butter on toast.

GARDEN ANSWERS

My morello cherry was 18 years old this year and a lot of the flowering shoots withered

and died so that there were

oo cherries. Why was this? - V.E. Davies, East Sussex. This sounds to me like

caused by a canker bacteria serious problem

fungal die-back

Will my Fatsia ja-ponica grow again if

It is 6ft tall, and growing happily, but I need its dramatic effect much lower down, If I cut it, will the

pieces root? - Mrs R.C. Halsted, Cheltenham,

A castor oil plant in You can cut down this

spring. If it has a single

stem only, you have no

choice about where to cut.

but multistem shrubs are

better cut down over two

years (half one year, half the next), because the bush is

weakened less this way.

You will get even better,

bigger, glossy-fingered

leaves sprouting on the new

shoots. Seed is the easier

method of propagation, and

I would not try rooting the prunings. Is your plant indoors or outside? Results

are usually better from

Gloucestershire.

O you know of any

iog for an exposed site?

— M. McManus, Leeds.

A in this country we have no really vicious

climbers. The best you

might do is a thorny rose.

Try Rosa multiflora, which is thoroughly rampant, smells good and has loose

clusters of single white flow-

ers. For a more formal

flower, 'Cerise Bouquet' is a fine rose, long flowering, and with thorns which would stop a grisly bear.

After 20 years my asparagus bed is exhausted and as hard as

cement. I cannot get a fork into it and a mattock breaks up only the first 4-5in. What is the answer?

- J. Harris, London WII.

A lt is time to start again, and look at

some new varieties. I would make a trench, however

hard-won, with your mattock. Then you can work the

face backwards across the

bed - much easier than

attacking a flat surface.

Break up the soil roughly,

manure it, and grow pola-toes on it next year, with a

view to planting asparagus

Readers wishing to have their

gardening problems answered should write 10: Garden An-

swers, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that few per-sonal answers can be given and that it may not be possible to

in spring 1998.

climbers as an attractive substitute to barbed wire? Something thorny and especially fast-grow-

calls with repo The had Nat soci

ADDRESS

heavy pruning when the plant has a full root system in the garden. Once it is growing again, feed it well.

deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal respon-sibility. The Times also regrets letters cannot be returned. BE SAFE EITHER WAY! FITTING!

WEATHER PROTECTION

PLANTS AND SEEDLINGS

Now is the time to prepare for the

cooler months ahead, and no

gardener should be without a

roll or two of this wonderfully

duvet for plants. Warm, soft, strong.

permeable and translucent - it

allows plants to flourish and grow

while protecting them from birds,

insects and the worst of the winter

rains and frost. A single layer of

spun web fleece can provide frost protection down to 29°F (3 degrees

of frost) - a double layer down to 6

degrees of frost. Use it to help

protect your precious half-hardy

plants and climbers. Drape it over vulnerable seedlings and newly

while preventing damage from heavy rain

Deflects
harmful rays.
Provides cooling
shade. Promotes

BIRDS & INSECTS: Provides

extra protection from greedy

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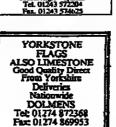
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ould your dream of a perfect holiday include breakfast on a terrace with the tallest trumpet vine in southeast England nodding above your head, views of a hundred clematis guide to 85 delights outside your bedroom window or a visit to a plantsman's private garden? Then the guide to Bed and Breakfast for Garden

Lovers can point you in the right direction. Like all the best ideas, a garden lovers' guide is so obvious that you wonder why it hadn't been thought of before. When Sue Colquhoun started doing B&B at her 17thcentury farmhouse in Oxfordshire she found that many guests were garden enthusiasts who enjoyed the beautiful surroundings and serene planting. "It seemed logical to target garden lovers and pool our marketing with like-minded

people," Mrs Colquhoun says.

The first leaflet, published in 1994, had 25 entries. This year's brochure includes 85 B&Bs, all selected by Mrs Colquhoun for their interesting gardens.

Mrs Colquhoun says that the spectacular setting of her own garden amid the rolling Cotswold hills needs no enhancement but, despite three sons and a husband "who would happily have nettles coming up to the front door", she has worked to create a tranquil retreat at Handywater Farm, with west-sloping lawns and borders burgeoning with peonies and other treasures.

I enjoyed the privacy of a self-contained flat in the converted farm buildings and the traditional breakfast brought across the courtyard. The great gardens of Hidcote and Kiftsgate are nearby, and Mrs Colquinoun introduced me to a plantsman whose single acre contains an arboretum, waterfalls, a watergarden and 1,500 plants of special interest. Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and Batemans are among the main attractions on the Kent/Sussex borders for garden enthusiasts, but on a warm summer's evening I drove through winding country

lanes to King John's Lodge at Etching-

ham, a picture-book country house, with

gables, complicated roof lines and stone

For garden lovers, there's a new B&B

Flower beds with breakfast



Maureen Thompson in her garden

house is Jacobean, and my room, heavily beamed and mullioned, had a gallery as extra sleeping space for those with a head

On sunny days breakfast is served on the terrace beneath the renowned trumpet vine, but on a cool morning we ate at a refectory table beside an inglenook fireplace, relishing home-made crab apple jelly and local sausages.

I worked off the breakfast in Jill and

Richard Cunningham's three-acre garden, strolling through a meadow dotted with wild flowers and bounded by a rose walk garlanded with 'Cecile Brunner', 'Zepherine Drouhin' and other old-fashioned favourites. Guests can get lost in the secret garden, play croquet, or choose a mullioned windows, set in a romantically souvenir from among the plants and rambling garden. The main part of the garden ornaments which the Cunning-

hams sell. And no, the home-pressed apple juice served at breakfast isn't alcoholic — those are ostriches looking

over the fence from the field next door. At Long Melford in Suffolk, behind an old brick-and-flint wall in the village street, lies a prizewinning double-walled garden which Maureen and John Thompson have filled with fragrant plants and more than 100 clematis. The old stables. almost concealed by festoons of honeysuckle and jasmine, have been converted into a small, exquisite self-contained

studio for paying guests. Mrs Thompson, who is an authority on antique glass, has decorated the studio with Colefax and Fowler chintzes and flower prints. A cast-iron fireplace, originally installed to warm the stable lad is still in place. French windows open on to a courtyard softened with ruffles of ladies manule and cranesbill geraniums, and sheltered by the Suffolk-pink limewashed walls of the 16th-century cottage.

ere at Sun House, French coffee and croissants with total have never tasted better than have never tasted better than and croissants with local honey when served on Portmeiron china beside the lily pond. Beguiled by the borders of astranoa and aquilegia, or distracted by the folly decorated with seashells, you can almost miss the half-concealed door into the secret walled area, which is the garden's crowning glory. The heady perfume of lilies, roses and box fill the air while vines and clematis frame the

terracotta-walled summerhouse. More than 500 visitors flock to Sun House on the National Garden Scheme's open days, but garden lovers can enjoy this magical garden in peace at length. with B&B as well.

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the red theme is a large tree of Erythrina crista-galli. Here, too, if you are lucky, you may hear a canary sing. But don't bother looking for the bright yellow bird, because the wild canary is what most ornithologists term a little

of Tenerife, Risco Bello is set in

a cliffside, having almost as

much vertical space as hori-

zontal. Here you will find humour, in the form of vast Ali

Baba pots, some upright, some

on their sides gushing water.

A fine specimen of the blood

trumpet vine Distictis buccin-

atoria climbs on the house

walls and near by. Reflecting

grooved needles allowing dew

All the islands have sublime

natural beauty, extraordinary

agriculture — producing crops from a virtual desert in places

- and several inspiring gar-dens. On Gran Canaria, for

instance, you can visit El Barranco de los Palmitos, a

dry, stony valley where the island's natural flora has been

augmented with such exotic

beauties as the Giant Redleaf.

Pride of Barbados and the

blue-flowered sandpaper vine.

enerife has the high-

goes through dramatic changes as you travel from sea

in 1788, the Spanish devel-

oped a small botanic garden at

Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, 10

house specimens collected

from the New World. The idea

was to give them a gentle accli-

matisation to Old World con-

ditions. Today, the charming

walled garden is dominated

by a vast ficus, whose aerial

roots have allowed it to spread

a quarter of an acre. There are

also rare palms and such

economic plants as cacao,

Among the private gardens

ginger and coffee.

level to the chilly heights.

Teide, a snow-capped

monster whose flora

to run off and moisten the

ground below.

Apart from the delights of the islands, there will be a varied programme on board ship. Mr Anderton and I will be giving presentations of Macaronesia and Spain, and other gardenish or planosh

topics. I gather that Mr Anderton has planned something of a performance for our last night at sea. I do not know what this will entail, but I can assure you that my fishnet tights and leotard will stay where they belong, at home.

NIGEL COLBORN • For details of The Times gardening theme cruise, turn to

A blooming win within these walls

The green-fingered inmates who turn prison drabness into a blaze of colour

ardening can be therapeutic, but there are few places where this is so relevant as in a prison. where flowerbeds and hanging baskets often provide the only respite from harsh surroundings.

It was this benefit which gave birth to one of the Bridsh summer's lesser known gardening competi-tions, the Windlesham Trophy, the winner of which was announced last Wednesday.

The trophy is named after its founder. Lord Windlesham, a former chairman of the Parole Board whose job introduced him to all aspects of prison life, and gardening as one of the rare bright spots. His suggestion in 1984 to the Royal Horticultural Society to hold an annual competition was taken up and now about 100 institutions are judged by the prison service to produce four finalists from different regions and evaluated by three RHS-trained judges.

The winner this year, after many years as a finalist and three as a

runner-up, is Kirkham in Lancashire, an open prison on a former aerodrome. The jail has long had a reputation for its gardening and agriculture skills, but few people passing by would be aware of the acres of glasshouses, 50 poly tunnels, a propagating house, 120 acres of farmland growing brassicas and probably the largest crop of outdoor courgettes in the north of England.

Alf Jennings, the prison gover-nor, says that about 60 of his 190 male inmates are engaged in gardening and agriculture as their primary work. As well as the food growing areas there are about 50 acres of amenity gardens, and it is these that won the trophy.

To make an impact with such a large area, bold groups of plants are necessary, as well as a selection of large beds and borders filled with banks of geraniums, antirrhi-



KIRKHAM nums and other bedding annuals cut into areas of lawn. The garden's impact is well illustrated by 55 yards of sweet peas trained along a fence that greets visitors at the

Other features include a garden created around a large pond, which is an area with seats and benches for quiet relaxation, a bowling green and hanging baskets over-flowing with brightly coloured flowers adorning the high walls. But it was the overall presentation. tidiness and innovative new areas of planting from previous years

that impressed the judges.
As significant as the Windlesham success is Kirkham town's achievement in winning the small town section of the "Britain in Bloom" competition. A large number of the plants used by the town were grown at the prison.

Among the four finalists for the Windlesham Trophy was Hollo-way Prison in north London, the largest women's prison in Europe. Holloway, perhaps more than any other of the finalists, illustrates the importance of the competition as a positive influence on prison life. At time when its publicity has included incidents such as a prison inspection team walking out in protest at the conditions, leading to the appointment of a new governor, and reports of an inmate being handcuffed during childbirth, the Windlesham Trophy success is welcome news.



prison established during the 1830s, and retaining the massive original gatehouse that perpetuates the frightening Victorian ethic of correction, Holloway has neither the space nor the liberty of an open prison. Its plants all come from other prison sources; annuals from Spring Hill in Buckinghamshire and shrubs from Ford open prison in Sussex. As at Kirkham, and most prisons which take gardening seriously, much of the impetus comes Rebuilt in the 1970s on the site of from the enthusiasm of the staff in

charge of the working team. But it is a telling insight into the rewards of gardening that of the 12 or so inmates who tend the gardens at. any one time, most are remand prisoners who do not have to work during the day but who garden because it is enjoyable.

The centrepiece of the gardens is where the paths of the main exercise area wind across banked grass and between beds, some filled with symmetrical patterns of petu- largest tree in any prison garden. Pittosporum tobira that stands nias and senecio around a central

red canna, others with cardoons, cordylines and antirrhinums, or asters and dahlias beneath standard roses.

But there are other corners of rare delight and imagination: pink perovskia and 'Queen Elizabeth' roses with tubs of annuals standing on a pattern of square slabs and gravel around an old garden roller; the library garden, where the towering London plane must be the and where the planting includes against one wall.





Hanging basket beats drabness

blue agapanthus and a combination of white Jasminum officinale and mauve Clematis 'The President' climbing up a stone pillar; and the courtyard education garden, designed and decorated in Japanese style, with a pond and raised brick beds planted with a variety of foliage shapes such as bamboo, fatsia and skimmia. And few prison gardens can boast a rarity such as the shrub

WEEKEND TIPS

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■ The widest choice of tulips is in garden centres now. Buy now, but plant ony time up to December. Most other bulbs are better planted straight away, Specialist bulb catalogues are also available now. Evergreen shrubs can be

transplonted this month. Sook the roots 48 hours in odvance and move on o dull, still dov. Prune out flowered stems on logan berries, and tie new ones into place for next year, Space evenly on o fence or wall. Toke cuttings of plonts in terrace pots too large to bring

indoors for the winter, such as argyranthemum, pelargonium. Use o gritty compost with little feed in it. Begin to reduce water to those pots which will

Holloway is a prison where the gardens provide vital quality to the oppressive surroundings. As the gardens' foreman, Olly Ware-Lane, says, if the larger body of inmates did not enjoy them they would not be respected. In a place where every notice inevitably has a security implication, it is heart-warming to discover one sign on a door that reads: "Do not switch lights nff,

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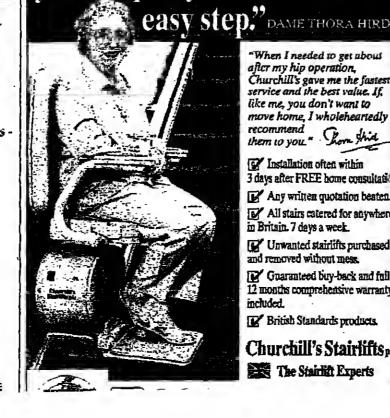
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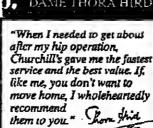
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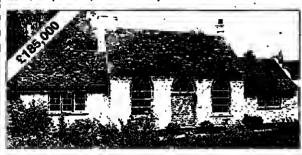
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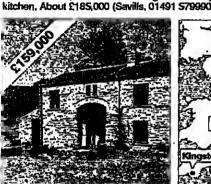
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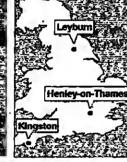


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CHERYL TAYLOR

How about the home office?

Rachel Kelly reports on how redundant office blocks in London are back in business as smart city flats

ffice blocks in London are rapidly source of homes. At least 200 office buildings in central London could be converted into 6,000 to 8,000 flats, according to a report by Geoff Marsh and Malcolm Beckett from London Residential

The report notes a decline in the need for offices: "All the signs are that conventional white collar employment in central London is set for longterm decline, after 50 years of

sustained growth. Just as the need for offices is shrinking, so the desire to live in town is growing. The middle classes appear to be moving back from the suburbs and beyond. The collapse of the office market in the early 1990s has created the opportunity for residential developers to provide central London homes at prices which avoid living in a nondescript suburb or commuter town,"

Demand is up thanks to London's growing role as a world city: Government fig-ures show a need for more than 153,000 homes to be built by the year 2006; and its attraction as a cultural city centre brings in many potential buyers alienated by subur-

Mr Marsh says: "London is becoming an increasingly attractive place to live. People are moving back, attracted by the city lifestyle and innovative new housing schemes like loft developments." "Converting offices into homes is a prime growth area

in the property market," says Ian Marris of Knight Frank. This is evident in the gentrification of Clerkenwell, Holborn. Southwark, and Spitalfields." He says conversions of existing buildings are now providing more than 50 per cent of new housing devel-



Royal Tower Lodge, a 1960s concrete office block near Tower Bridge, left, before Barratt converted it into 40 one and two-bedroom flats, right

opments in London. Redevelopments of redundant office blocks make up a "significant proportion" of these.

The numbers underpin the trend. During the boom of the 1980s, buildings were worth more for commercial than residential use. Now, in some areas of London, the capital value is higher for residential property. According to Mr Marris, empty office space worth £100 a square foot can increase its value to £125 a square foot with planning permission for residential development A further incentive is that commercial buildings are exempt from VAT if they are bought for conversion to

residential use. But not all empty offices can be redeveloped. Barratt rejected several candidates before choosing Royal Tower Lodge, near Tower Bridge. The building had lain empty for years until Barratt redeveloped it as 40 one and two-bedroom flats. All 40, priced from £82,000 to £140,000; sold in months before the work was completed.

avid Pretty, Barratt's southern region chairman. says: "Not all commercial buildings have the right internal configuration for conversion and many are not well-placed for shops and

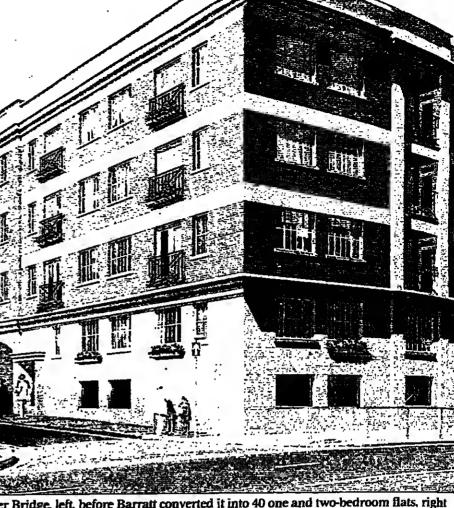
Some developers minimise conversion work by reclaiming properties that were designed for residential use. London and Henley is developing several buildings in Bayswaier which were formerly used as offices. Because they were built as houses, the

façades and some of the original reception rooms will be retained. In most cases, however, the redundant offices are 1960s blocks which need to be renovated inside and out - the interiors remodelled and facades reclad.

But sometimes developers see features in a 1960s office building which can be incorporated in their plans. Try Homes has planning permission to turn the old British Gas offices in Fulham into 77 flats. The Piper Building is adorned with 29 relief panels by the artist John Piper and these will be included in the remodelling. Prices will start from

about £125,000. · Additional research by Justin Huggier.

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CONVERSIONS

MAYFAIR IS full of developments, and a good place to look, Justin Huggler writes. Large town houses which have been used as offices for the past 45 years are becoming homes again. These buildings were sold for commercial use on short leases after the Second World War. The leases are now expiring, and are not being renewed for commercial use.

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In south London, Alexander Fleming House in Elephant and Castle, formerly the headquarters of the DHSS. Is to be converted by St George and the Imry Group. They will transform Erno Goldfinger's controversial building into 400 flats, with shops, restaurants and leisure facilities. They hope to obtain planning permission for the two-year conversion scheme this a ctumn and provide flats from £50,000 to £200,000.

Further south, Barratt is planning to convert EK House in Clapham Park Road, SW4, in a neo-Georgian style. The façades will be traditionally styled in honey-coloured brick, with black iron balconles, and the corners dressed in east white stone. The bottom two storeys will be rendered in white mock ashlar, cement modelled to look like cast stone.

The 38 one and two-bedroom flats will be renamed St Paul's View. The flats will have carpets, light fittings, kitchens and bathrooms and buyers will be able to specify finishing details.

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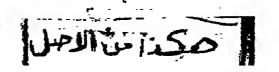


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IN THE West Country, prop erties with good equestrian facilities are highly soughtafter, says agent Hugh Mackenzie of Village & Country Properties in Exeter. Top notch properties, suitable for a riding school or horse livery business on up to 70 acres in south Devon, fetch at least £500,000. You might find a farmhouse with stables and a few acres of pony paddocks for £150,000 to £200,000 in west Devon," he says.

If you are fond of horses you might like Milford House, a Grade U listed, five-bedroom, Georgian country house in 9.5 acres at Lower Langford in the Chew Valley, west Somerset, which has three letting apartments and the potential for a horse livery business, available at £600,000 through Humberts. It has a stableyard with seven loose boxes, tack room, an all-weather training area and paddock.

KENNELS AND FISHERIES

THOSE WHO like dogs and cats might prefer West Burton farmhouse, a five-bedroom. Grade II listed, Queen Anne farmhouse ten miles from Dorchester, Dorset, with a thriving kennel and cattery business in six acres, for E445,000 through Jackson-Stops & Staff. It has a licence for 49 dogs and 50 cats and there are 28 kennels, with heat lamos, and 32 cat chalets, with thermostatically heated beds. The turnover is about £87,000

Fisheries are a popular option for those keen on angling, but previous experience is not essential, says agent Mar-chand Petil in south Devon, which has two such properties on its books, both with a turnover of about £50,000 a

Coombe, a detached five-bedroom 18th-century farm-house in an idyllic setting, with converted outbuildings and a productive trout farm. in 22.5 acres, at East Allington near Tomes, can be yours for £500,000. It comes with a converted barn, two three-

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SPORTING ESTATES

THE GROWING popularity of golf makes owning a golf course or a driving range a good business opportunity. One example is Fairview Farm, a three-bedroom, stone farmhouse in seven acres at Mithian Downs, near St Agnes in north Cornwall, with a golf driving range and a selfcontained three-bedroom holiday cottage, for £245,000, through John D. Wood.

Or, you could buy the Killiow Estate, a 286-acre sporting estate near Truro. with an 18th-century mansion and its own 18-hole gold course, clubhouse and a floodlit driving range, for El.4 million through Scott Burridge Chick Leisure and Humberts Leisure. It has an annual turnover of £250,000 and comes with a lodge house, cottage and bungalow, and planning permission for a 93-bedroom hotel with a leisure complex and a public house.

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bout 15 years ago. Mark and Lucy Da-vies moved to Maelcombe House, a vast, rambling Edwardian bouse, on the south Devon coast near Prawle Point.

They paid £125,000 for the house in 1982, which comes with 25 acres of sub-

tropical gardens, a small farm, a plethora of wildlife and its own beach, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. When Mr and Mrs Da-

vies first saw Maelcombe House, built in 1908 by the district coastguard officer for his private use, it was in a dilapidated state. Little money had been spent on the house in 20 years and it was badly in need of modernisation. Yet it was love at first sight.

"Originally, we were looking to grow herbs, because the climate is warm enough to grow half-hardy plants. We had 15 acres in front of the house under bracken and gorse, which we planned for our herb garden. The rest we would use to graze a couple of cows, a few sheep and a pig or two. To provide an income, we decided to try our hand at a bed-andbreakfast business," Mr

Davies says.
Since then the couple have completely refur-bished the 20-roomed house, including new windows, central heating, re-wiring, a modern utility kitchen and several new bathrooms, at a cost of more than £300,000.

The B&B was a success, but the herb garden never did get planted. Maelcombe, now in its 14th season, is constantly booked from March until late October, at £31.72 per person per night for dinner, bed and breakfast. It is a set meal at the hotel, but for an extra charge they will serve lobster, crab and shellfish.

Guests are free to wander around the gardens and the farm, which supply fresh produce for the kitchen. enjoy a game of tennis on

the hard court, lend a hand milking the cow or help haul in the nets and the lobster pots on the beach. The Davies' annual turn-

over at Maelcombe is between £70,000 and £80,000 a year, which includes the bed and breakfast business, the holiday apartments and their small farm. "Maelcombe is a very

special place. The kids. including our own three children, roam the farm, the cliffs and the beach without hindrance. Dolphins patrol the shore in front of the house, the occasional seal shelters in the cove and the basking sharks cause great excitement as they circle round, feeding on the plankton in April and May. We have privacy because of where we are, yet we are not isolated, being within walk-ing distance of the village," Mr Davies says.

r and Mrs Davies love their seaside home. Yet they have decided to sell up because they want to spend more time with their children, who have to travel

some distance to school.
"We can't pretend it is not hard work keeping everything going. There is half a mile of drive to maintain, and a house this size needs acres of carpet, miles of curtains and gallons of paint, Gardens, lawns and farm buildings all need maintenance. Most of the time it is magnificent, however, and we feel privileged to have lived and worked in this extraordinary place," Mr Davies says.

"You have to like people. and not mind about the outrageous things they do to you, unthinkingly for the most part, like standing a hot coffee cup on the polished surface of your antique sideboard," he warns.

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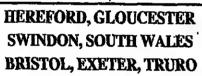
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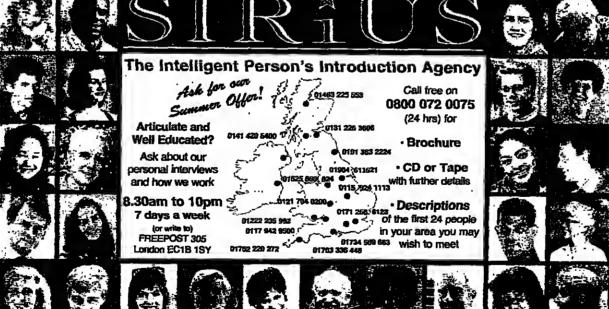


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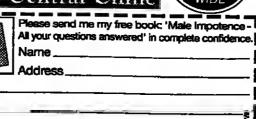
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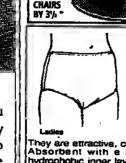


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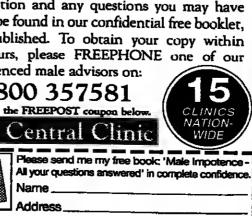


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Perfection in a small world

s a child I ached for a dolls house. Not a modern one, but an old-fashioned town house with a basement kitchen and an attic bedroom for the under housemaid: flickering lights and miniature antiques, dishes of teeny Hunca Munca food and weeny

Luckily for my parents, the stores stocked only what most 1960s children wanted — boxy, contemporary dolls' houses.

with burnt orange walls and Habitat-style furnishings. Even luckier for them. The Singing Tree did This specialist

shop in New King's Road, southwest London, is a Mecca for dolls house fans from around the world, with drawer

after drawer and case after case full of enchanting miniature furnishings and fittings. The dolls' houses themselves range from a small unpainted shop in kit form (£146) to a fully decorated Gothic House (£4,950), with four storeys and 12 large rooms, magnificent staircases and many elaborate details.

Most of the houses on sale are available built or in kit form and, if you are a skilled woodworker, you can even get a set of full-sized architect's drawings with instruc-tions (£19.50) and build your own. All exquisitely reproduced in 1:12

scale, most of the stock is hand-

made from the real materials wood furniture, silver cutlery, oil paintings, hand-painted porcelain, hand-blocked wallpapers. The drawers open, wheels turn, lids lift off. The attention to detail is impressive. You can even have

your own pet immortalised in 3D (£18.90) for the house by sending two photographs for the artist. You can also create the ideal garden for your house with authen-

tic accessories. from a Victorian conservatory in brick, wood and glass with blue and green-stained glass (41cm high, 34.4cm wide, 18cm deep, £409.50) to a Boy and Dolphin

fountain in a clear "water" pool (£73.50). There's even a traditional besom (10.5cm, £3.15) and a pair of gumboots (2.5cm, £4.50). There, too, is a range of items for

children to furnish their own dolls' houses, but this is primarily a shop for the enthusiast or older child. It is also an excellent source of unusual gifts: copper pans for the cook (set of three, £13.65), a handpainted toy box containing an array of perfect tiny toys (£49,50) for new parents, and a workbench and tool set for the DIY fan (£37.80).

STEPHANIE LEWIS

• The Singing Tree, 69 New King's Road, London SW6 4SQ (0171-736 4527). Open Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm.

A disgruntled buyer writes...

You spot what you're looking for and want to buy it. Easy. Well, not always

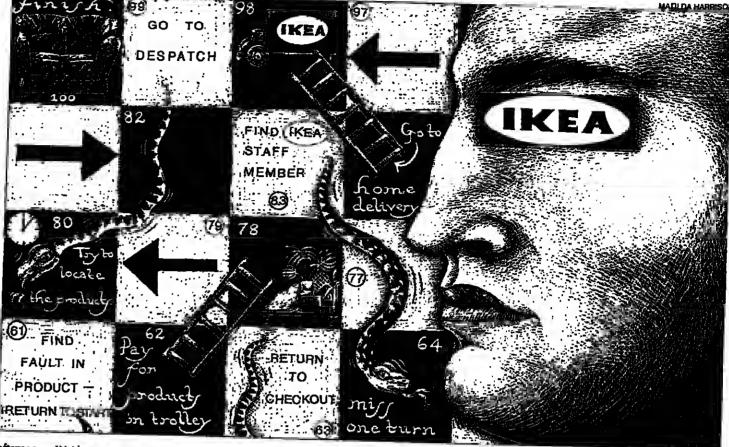
ere's a little test to try out at your next dinner party. When the conversation comes to one of those hiatuses where the only sound is the evening's death-rattle, say: "We went to Ikea the other day ... " and sit back. Everyone, it seems, has an Ikea story. And few

are happy ones. We went to lkea the other day, as it happens. We were moving home and needed a sofa, a double mattress and a wardrobe for the children. If we saw some book-shelves we liked, we'd buy them and, maybe, a couple of chairs and a low table. We had a credit card and we were going to use it. A retailer's dream, you would think.

The Ikea superstore in northwest London is approached along the North Circular Road, a three-laned playground for boy racers and juggernauts. Approaching from the east, the road leading to Ikea branches off to the left. If you are doing 30mph in the slow lane you can't miss the Ikea road sign. We were doing. 50mph in the middle lane and missed it.

After 20 minutes meandering around some of London's less attractive housing estates, we found the road again, and followed it, and followed the signs to Ikea, and ended up in a Tesco's parking lot. We joined the queue of cars making their sorry way up a bit, left a bit and, finally, to Ikea's parking lot.

Eventually we found the furniture section. Just us, chairs, sofas and a mirage purporting to be an Ikea staff member. You could see her in the distance but, when you got close to her, she disappeared. This gave us ample time to pick out the sofa we wanted and, when our salesperson finally assumed corporeal form, we bought it. Well, not it exactly, but one which would look like it when it was delivered. In four to five weeks. Never mind, we might not need to sit down for the next month anyway. Looking back, buying



afternoon. We'd seen what we wanted and, eventually, bought it. We were to see other things, and not come close.

It wasn't so much that we changed our mind, but that the store seemed determined not to sell. Three systems of purchase appeared to be in operation: the sofa system, whereby we gave them our money and they promised to deliver the goods at some time in the fairly near future. Then there was the pick-and-mix system, where you picked things up, put them in your trolley and paid for them at the other end. Both of these seemed fairly simple.

But there was also the order system, which was two systems in one. Some items had little numbers on them, which correlated to their position in the vast dispatch area downstairs. You wrote the number down on a piece of paper and then, before you got to the check-out area. went to find them and put them on your trolley. Other items, though, was to be the highlight of our number. Instead, you had to keep a arent reason, had no sales assistant in one place for long enough for them to help you, and they would give you a little printout that said you had ordered something. Then you had to fetch it from

the dispatch area.

The sensible person might now be asking themselves why there was any necessity for two systems. both requiring the same customer participation, but one taking rather longer and including contact with a mirage. We were told it was a new system, introduced that very day.

kea admits that since the store was built it has become victim to its own success and it is taking time for the company to develop what it feels is a satisfactory level of customer service. It is now changing the store and plans to build further stores in London. It has also recognised the need for staff training and is addressing this but says it has not been possible to do so earlier because of the business demands.

leaving out the bit where we discovered that our double mattress was not, in fact, waiting for us, but had to be fetched, as did the flat-packed wardrobe, the upshot being that we went through the checkout three times, we went to the home delivery section and asked them to deliver both items. They said they would,

We were in no position to argue. We then discovered that the £20 had to be paid in either cash or by cheque. We had neither and Ikea, it transpired, did not have a cash-point. Tesco's dld, but not Ikea, making it possibly one of the few remaining superstores in the western world not to. The man at the home delivery desk took pity on us and agreed to send the stuff COD.

and would charge only £20 to do so.

The flat-packed wardrobe and the double mattress arrived at the new house the following morning. Two burly chaps heaved them out of their van, relieved me of the £20, got me to sign a piece of paper and you take these upstairs?™ They Cutting to the chase again, and looked at me. "We're not insured to

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So I heaved the stuff upstairs and put the wardrobe together, according to instructions, which were

Now all we have to do is wait for the sofa to be delivered. The living room is on the ground floor so, unless the delivery men are not insured for carrying things through doorways, we should get it in to the room all right.

But wait - there's a postscript. A couple of days ago my wife decided to put together a children's sofahed we'd bought; a cute little thing that seats two small bodies snugly and then unfolds into a child-length mattress. Only £155. The mattress is in three bits, with the cover extending over only two of them. The third had to be inserted in the third hit and rinned up. My wife. third bit and zipped up. My wife inserted, pulled the zip ... and it broke. We could take it back, of course, but she has decided to

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Marks was a gifted Oxford graduate. good-looking and remarkably healthy even now in a Mick Jagger kind of way. evidence of the fact that the wages of his kind of sin is cheque-book journalism while the fortunes of the farmers who produced the contraband he sold by the ton are unlikely lo have changed. His was a once-famous career, born when soft-drug peddling was ridiculously easy, although the element of courage cannot

be ignored. The impression given is of a man stoned throughout, although his memory, if accurate, seems prodigious. Deal after deal is described: Hong Kong, Thailand, America, one hotel and airport after another, until the bulk of the book becomes a blur and the recitation of his eleverness and brinkmanship as entertaining and dated as Mrs Dale's Diary. Marks may be charis-

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are of more consistent quality

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memorable moments such as Eavan Boland's Night Feed —

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hour/ For the early bird and

of extra love and reassurance.

Sam McBratney's charming

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will enjoy eating them all.

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matic, but his prose is not and although fascinating material lurks in there, you need stami-na to find the pebbles under

mountains of sand. Those who bought an



Marks: needs a good slap

Annabelinda dress in the 1980s might like to know that the business was founded on laundered money. Others might be surprised to learn that Frederick of Nina and Frederick became a smalltime drugs smuggler. Who cares if Mr Nice gives them away? Or that a fortune teller at a fair may be trying to elicit enough information about you

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Mnmmy (Hamish Hamilton, E9.99, ISBN 0 241 13511 7)

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tine of baby-care through the

eyes of Daisy, the dog, and her new puppies: "Mummy cleans

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on show in Paul and Emma

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BOOKS ...

to get a copy of your birth certificate for yel another

What a clever, likeable chap Marks is, boasting with such modest ease of his skill in beating the system, as he did in 1981 by a totally spurious, artfully detailed defence of being nol a smuggler but a spy. Well done, but why should anyone believe him Well done, but why now? The jury just didn't want us nice guys to spend countless years in prison for transporting beneficial herbs." he smirks. So utterly spiteful of the American authorities to fail to believe that stuff; how mean of them; h really hurt when f was caught. he says. Played hell with

Can he really pat himself on the back for being in the vanguard of devastation and for being a liar and a cheat with never a thought for those who actually need the protection of the law? Can be not see, even as he uses half-baked idealism to justify greed, that marijuana may be all very well for his contemporaries but not for the endangered 12year old child at the end of his chain? In this autobiography. Marks emerges as a blind, bland and boring believer in his own legend. No doubt be has invented health-giving hallucinogens for his own children. Like him? You want

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and 1991 will be out next year.

Ten thousand babies are

Williams's rich drawings.

Bizarre speculations on the psychology of a great actor



IF FREUD had never existed, Roger Lewis would have had to invent him. As a critic of performance, he does not so much analyse actors as psychoanalyse them. He states that this will not be a cooventional biography - although it is characteristic of his approach that he immediately offers several examples of the anecdotes he is not going to tell — but will rather

examine how Olivier's roles related to his psychological and emotional oeeds". Lewis's Olivier is Orestes. pursued by the Eumenides or, at least, by T. S. Eliot's drawing-room equivalents. Guilt is his motor — for abandoning his wives and neglecting his children, for being abroad at the death of his father and the outbreak of war and, above all, for his mother's early

death when he was 12. This is pertinent up to a point; the problem is that Lewis pushes the point to absurd lengths. He declares, on the basis of a dubious reading of an offhand re-SARAH JOHNSON | mark, that Olivier's sexual **Daggers** of the

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curiosity was awakened by his mother. Even more wildly, he insists that, in casting the 27-year-old Eileen Herlie opposite his own 40-year-old Hamlet, he was "wishfulfillingly bringing his mother back".

Similar bizarre speculations fill the book, substituting for either sustained narrative or informed criticism. Lewis clearly wants to be Kenneth Tynan and shares his taste in imagery. Tynan, however, was a witness to Olivier's performances in

both rehearsal room and stalls: Lewis relies on celluloid, which puts a disproportionate emphasis on Olivier's screen roles. Much of his major work thus goes ummentioned.

The inadequacies of the book's analysis are matched by the impermeability of its prose. Lewis declares that he has "spent many years developing a baroque and multilayered manner". This seems to be a embemism for wild hyperbole (Olivier is "Jupiter. Zeus, King of the Gods, King of Kings"), attention-seeking analogies and irrelevant references (Brecon, where this book is being written incidentally"). He writes not in paragraphs but in parentheses, so that reading a passage be-comes the literary equivalent of channel-hopping.

It is hard to know at whom this book is aimed. Anyone who knows little of Olivier's life and work will be confused; anyone who knows more will be incredulous.

MICHAEL ARDITTI

Blues for a bluestocking

MISS Tranby Quirke, as a woman, is invisible. She is 34 and lives alone above a bakery in Camberwell. By day she teaches at Simperton Institute, where the young wives of middle-class businessmen receive "quality tuition in the gentle and feminine arts of cooking, household manage-ment, child-rearing and personal presentation". In the evening she works on behalf of the British Society for the Aid of Distressed Spinsters and Gentlewomen in Need. Her commitment to the Votes for Women movement is discreet but fervent. At night, by the light of her candle, she practises automatic writing, during which her fantasy takes her on remarkable journeys in the steps of famous explorers

— Livingstone, Drake and Vasco da Gama.

This account of her life, written on the night of her (attempted?) suicide, includes those extravagant passages of automatic writing, but its main subject is several remarkable journeys, real and imagined, in pursuit of and in flight from love and death. exploring the secret topography of her own heart. Tranby loves and is loved by Lysette. one of her students, who first approached Tranby for advice - her husband was beating her for her failure to conceive. Tranby's counsel comes straight from the pages of the health manuals of the day. "I grabbed a piece of paper off my desk and scribbled 'Do nol run!"," But before long Tranby and Lysette are running headlong into each other's arms.

Fear of discovery by the staff of Simperton's, by Lysette's husband, and by love itself, which she has learnt to fear, keeps Tranby always dithering on the quay, unable to Departure into a life where she will no looger be invisible,

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where the physical details of all her imagined landscapes will at last become real. But there are moments of triumph which the world cannol take away. When Tranby and Lysette first lie in each other's arms above the Camberwell bakery. Tranby whispers in wonder, "Primus circumded isti me. What the earth said to Ferdinand Magellan, You are



Drake: fantasy journeys

the first to have circumnagivated me." Elizabeth Ridley is a recent graduate of the East Anglia creative-writing course, but writing like this cannot be taught. The credit for a novel of such harmonious sensibility and strength must all be hers. Humour, historical flavour, political astuteness and a style which affords the reader a pleasure akin to that of watching a bird in flight, combining precision and a relish of the freedom which is a writer's

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story of unusual beauty.

Family treasures

ROBERT LOUIS STEVEN-SON III is about to follow his illustrious ancestor into fiction - and, like him, he is obsessed with buried treasure. In fact, he is one of America's most experienced deep-wreck divers, and his novel, Torchlight, coming from Hodder oext year, is about a mission to salvage a real-life ship, the USS Norfolk. It was torpedoed in 1917 - and is believed to have been carrying Kerensky's gold from Russia.

● Lady (Vanessa) Hannam, a former Worth model now married to Tory MP Sir John Hnnnam, has signed up with Headline for a novel to be called Division Belis, about a young widow who marries a Conservative MP - only to

BOOK NEWS discover that she is not a

natural MP's wife. Trouble in store somewhere?

HAROLD BLOOM, the American professor who put the cat among the academic plgeons with his list of the great works of literature, The Western Canon, has turned his attention to the millennium. In Omens of Millennium. coming in November from Fourth Estate. Bloom tries to rescue the supposed "signs" of millennial fever - angels. dreams and so on - from their present debased condition and restore them to their original grandeur in the world's religious traditions.

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This Times list monitored 35.840 titles representing high-street sales of £4.4 million during the week,

Do Booker winners still sell books? THIS week we have asked the

The Times Bestseller List

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the recent winners of the Booker Prize for Fiction. Our chart below takes the Il Booker Prize-winning authors for the past ten years (in 1992 the prize was split between Michael Ondaatje and Barry Unsworth), plus Salman Rushdie, who won the Booker of Bookers in 1993, and it lists these 12 in order of the number of copies of their books sold in the latest four-week period covered by the computer. The fist takes into account all

just their prizewinning novel. We also give their place in the first \$,000 of all books sold in

The Unusual Life of Tristan Smith



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year's Booker, is not surprisingly at the head of the list. It sold 12,560 copies in the fourweek period. Two other novels by her take second and third place, selling 6,254 and 4,830 copies respectively.
The other 22 books sold

do not appear at all in the top S.000 books — Kingsley Amis and Barry Unsworth. Amis is. for me, a sad surprise (though I admit other readers may be less surprised, or sad). Unsworth is bound to return during the next month with his new and well-reviewed novel After Hannibal. The only hardbacks in the list are A.S. Byan's Babel Tower and Roddy Doyle's The Woman Who Walked Into

die's The Moor's Last Sigh)

and 153 copies (Peter Carey's

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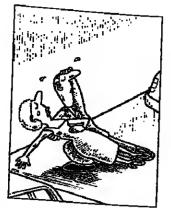
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Doors. The Booker Prize seems still to be working its magic for its winners - but in a paperback world.

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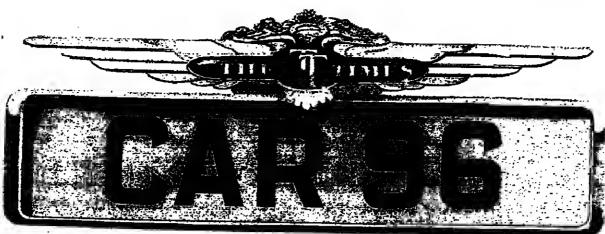
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PENELOPE LIVELY	The Moor's Last Sigh	3, 28 7	
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BEN OKRI	Barrytown Trilogy	496	1991
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KAZUO ISHIGURO	The Remains of the Day	40l	1989
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MICHAEL DNDAATJE PAT BARKER	The English Patient	295	1992• 1995 (
JAMES KELMAN	Union Street	271	1004
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	Birds of Heaven	238	1990
A. S. BYATT	Angels and Insects	231	1990
A. S. BYATT	Matisse Stories	222	1991
BEN DKRI	Astonishing the Gods	216	POUG Taket
A. S. BYATT	Babel Tower	214	1990
A. S. BYATT	Possession	204	I000
PETER CAREY	Oscar and Lucinda	169	1988
PENELOPE LIVELY	Moon Tiger	164	1987
PETER CAREY	The Unusual Life of Tristan Smith	153	1988

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How an 'ailing' wife discovered the truth

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Is this the shape of the new Silver Arrows?



weighing in to a softer market with its new

sportscar, says Kevin Eason

er only question was: what colour? The woman buyer was a godsend for the Porsche management as they struggled to explain their search for a new audience.

Because Porsches are supposed to be Cars for Men. James Dean looked mean moody and magnificent in his 550 Spyder, all Brylcreem and white teeth; the star in the car to die for. Except that Dean actually did die in his Porsche in 1955, a crash that helped turn a three-film wonderboy into a legend.

If Dean had been driving a Ford Escort, maybe he would not have ended up as a footnote in motoring history. Except that his tangled car is captured in lurid technicolour by every picture library because crashing a Porsche is almost a romantic event.

The link between speed and rebellion was irresistible, with pundits deciding on the basis that he drove a Porsche that he must have been driving flatout, carefree and reckless, ready to die young rather than live life as Mr Boring. It all helped cement an image of the Porsche as the car with power that could not be tarned, even by a man with Dean's charisma.

Dean's fault and had little to do with whether his fabulous Spyder was fast or not.

o when Porsche launches a car with overtones of the old Spyder and targets women buyers, what of the legend? What is to happen to all those chaps with hairy chests and gold bracelets?

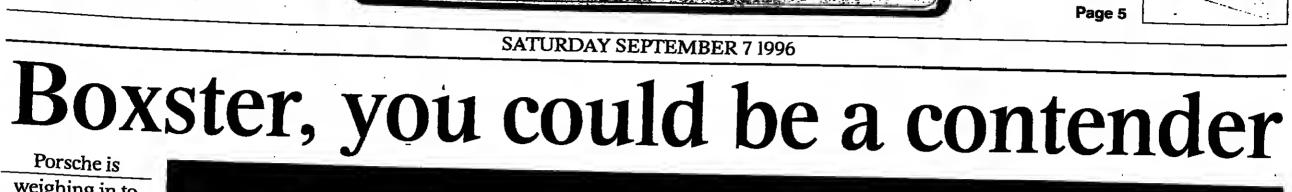
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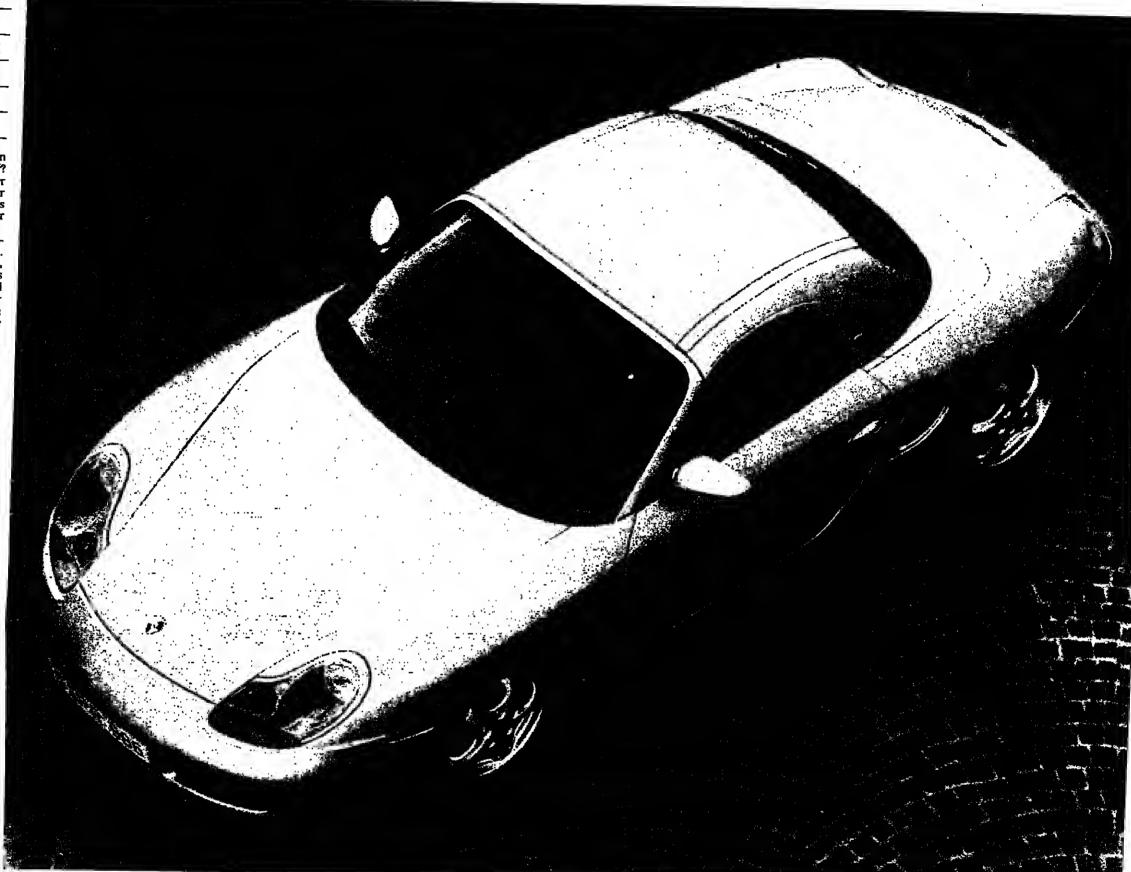
five new models since it was founded in 1948, so you can bet that when they got around to the Boxster, they thought about its potential buyers in some depth. Kevin Gaskell, Porsche's managing director in Britain, says that typical customers for Porsche's staple 911 — costing £59,000 to £94,000 — are 44-year-old professional men with 2.5 cars already, as well as 2.5 children: Mr Average Rich Guy who likes the sort of car so expensive and exclusive that only around 1,300 will be sold

here this year, in fact. But the Boxster is different. Costing around £35,000, it is looking for an audience that combines money and pragmatism — Dinkies (Double Incomes No Kids), singles and people apparently searching for "an active style of selffulfilment leading to a new. experience-oriented philosophy in life ... more critical in their assessment of virtues such as discipline, obedience and fulfilment of duties", according to the Porsche press pack. (If you meet someone

like that, keep it to yourself.)

Porsche only needs to find
1,000 of them to sign up annually for a Boxster, and they have succeeded. That search apparently includes women who increasingly have a chequebook of their own large enough to buy a Porsche. They don't usually, because of



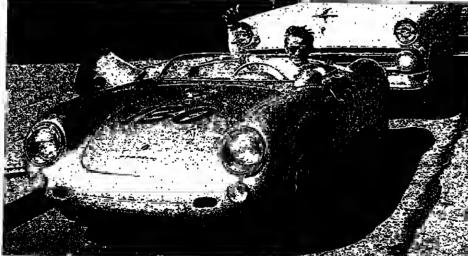


Porsche has only launched five new models since it began in 1948, and the new car's introduction involved much thought about its market, which includes women with enough money to buy a Boxster

image, which is supposed to mean that Porsches are undriveable by all but film legends and men with medallions, and ignores the basic virtues of luggage-space and

Then up popped the girl. Young, long-legged, affluent and unaffected by image, she walked up to Gaskell and simply wanted to know when she could have one and which colour would be best. In the space of a day. Gaskell had converted a complete set of potential buyers: middle-aged men, a bunch of young guns and a woman, all desperate for a Boxster of their own.

This end of the market used to be wide open; now there are more cars vying for attention than teams in football's premiership. Mercedes has launched its SLK roadster, there is the Alfa Spider, the apcoming Jaguar XK8, the MGF, Flat Coupé, and James Bond's car, the BMW Z3. The Merc is fractionally staid and has an unappealing four-cylinder engine: the Jaguar is probably too expensive; the



James Dean encapsulated the old image: tough, daredevil and testosterone-charged

MGF is too mass-market; the build quality of the Spider and Fiat is still untested, while the Z3 is pretty but comes from the maker of reps' cars.

The Boxster has the sexiest engine note, drives like a dream and looks as distinctive as James Dean's Spyder. There was no way to find the limits of grip and performance driving around the back roads of Germany this week, except to discover that the limits were so far away that the Boxster feli wonderfully safe. There was enough spirit and confidence in the car though to tell me that Porsche will have no trouble selling the Boxster.

The styling is gloriously remi-niscent of that Dean Spyder: curvy, low - and dead cute. The interior is a blend of modern, leather-upholstered luxury and quirky modernity, although it seems a tad twee to have the rev counter as the central dashboard dial and not the speedometer, the clock





Fast and fun: the new design acknowledges practicalities such as luggage space

Engine: flat-six 2.5-litre producing 204bhp, feeding rear wheels. Performance: 0 to 62mph in 6.9 seconds Tiptronic gearbox version, 7.6 seconds); braking from 62mph to 0mph in 2.7 seconds; acceleration to 125mph in 30.8 seconds; braking from 125mph to 0mph in 5.6 seconds. Top speed 149mph (manual),

146mph (Tiptronic). Fuel consumption 31.7 miles to the gallon average (manual); 30mpg (Tiptronic).

Equipment: specialised roof rack which fits when the roof is folded; two separate boots offering a combined total of 260 litres of space. Price: expected at £35,000.

most Porsche drivers would have their eyes on.

electronically in 12 seconds, apparently a record among convertible makers, who seem to have set up a new unofficial race for getting the hood down quickest. Better still, there is actually luggage-space - a Performance is no record-

the SLK, the top comes down and turns the boot into a biscuit barrel but the Porsche is unaffected, with proper stowage space at the front, and at the back, because the engine is mid-mounted and slung deep in the car's hull.

real boot to put things in. In

breaker, but 200bhp is masses even for the committed driver in a lightweight car. The Boxster is a rare mix of sports car and hatchback - a supercar for a trip to Tesco's so stylish that James Dean could have loaded his beans and beer into the Boxster and still looked a legend.

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Old trick that backfired badly

his is a true story. I have changed the names of the people involved, but all other details are as told to me by two of the people concerned. One evening recently Michael arrived home from work to find his wife. Alison, and one of her women friends, Angela, sitting in the kitch-en. Angela had been about to drive home but her car would not start. Michael had a look at the car. He could not find the problem so he

At speed on a dual carriageway, Michael saw blue lights flashing in his mirror. He already had points for speeding and did not need more. As Michael slowed down for the police, he said to Angela: "Pretend you're in pain." When the police officer approached the car, he saw the woman passenger grasping her stomach in agony. Michael said he was rushing his "wife" to hospital. She had a history of stornach

offered to drive Angela home.

problems. Please ... Michael's plea and Angela's acting proved all too successful. The police officer insisted on escorting

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Peter Barnard

Michael's car to the hospital. Once there. Angela's assumed illness almost turned to heart failure when the kindly police officer led them into the hospital's A&E department and right up to the receptionist.

Angela had to see a doctor, who could find nothing wrong but ordered some X-rays. After these were taken, the doctor was noncommittal. Angela was given pain killers and allowed to leave.

Later, the police officer returned to

his station, which was not far from the hospital, noted the incident in his log and signed off his shift. Michael and Angela, feeling somewhat ashamed, needed a drink. The police officer, after a busy shift, also needed

The policeman was halfway through a pint when Michael and Angela walked in. Angela's face, which had changed colour with remarkable speed several times that evening, now matched a traffic light.

Are you living in crash city?

The officer was immediately suspicious that someone with severe stomach pain two hours ago should now be in a public house.

Nonetheless he exchanged pleasantries with Michael and Angela. who had the foresight to order soft drinks. Angela explained what had happened at the hospital. The policeman left, though he remained suspiclous: he thought he had a case of wasting police time.

The next day, the policeman made

an informal check with the hospital There was no Angela Greenwood, the name the policeman remembered from Michael's driving licence, but there had been an Angela Thomas. The policeman knew that some married women continued using their maiden names and in any event, he had learnt enough to

decide that there was no case against

Michael and Angela. Michael's wife also telephoned the hospital that day, to enquire about her friend who had been admitted the previous night. She was suspicious of Michael's relationship with Angela, the more so after Michael had telephoned from the pub with a story about police escorts and Angela's stomach.

The other relevant call made in the next few days was from the hospital. to Angela. More X-rays were required. Angela thought that this was some horrific practical joke. This possibility was almost as terrifying as the truth. The second set of X-rays confirmed that Angels had a tumour. Formnately it was benign and operable and she has now fully recovered. Recovery from the night as a whole will take a little longer.

Michael was so chastened by the trauma that he decided to seek out the police officer and tell him the whole story as an act of contrition. The officer, a wise and experienced man, decided that no further punishment was required.

AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

LONDON A21 Orpington; roadworks on Sevenoaks Road between Green Street Green and Stone House Lane. Delays at peak periods. A406 Eest Finchley; North

Circular Road down to single lane at various points between A1 Falloden Wey and Colney Hatch Lane flyover as major roadworks continue. A4 Chiswick: major roedworks on the Great West

Road, with traffic reduced to two tanes between the end of the M4 elevated section and Sutton Court Road during the dey, and overnight down to a single lane both

ways. M4 junctions 2-3; ona lane closed both ways between the elevated section and

Heston services. A1153 Dagenham; width restrictions on Lodge Avenue for roadworks at the junction with Woodward Road.

 SOUTH EAST A329 Reading; Inner Distribution Road (IDR) has overnight lane closures for bridge work btween 9pm and

A404M Cox Green Road closed for bridge repairs, with a diversion via Kimbers Lane, Spring Hill, Manor Lane, Shoppenhangars Road, Cox Green Road and Ockwells

M20 junction 8; roadworks on A20 roundabout above the motorway with one lane

closed. M25 junctions 6-10; restrictions and lane closures between the Godstone and A3 junctions as widaning work continues along tha 19-mile

A29 Slinfold; temporary lights controlling traffic during the day on Hayes Lane for

 SOUTH WEST M5 junctions 18-19; contraflow in operation with a 50mph speed limit in force for major roadworks between Expect lengthy delays, especially on Fridey nights and Saturday mornings. A417 Near Cirencester various restrictions operating between just north of Stratton as roadworks

A35 Totton Bypass; lane closures westbound near tha Rusington roundabout for emergency gas repairs. Expect delays at peak periods. A36 Bath; roadworks on Lower Bristol Road, Peak-time delays, especially in the evening. A419 between Swindon

and Cirencester, restrictions and speed limits in • MIDLANDS & EAST

ANGLIA A38 Derby; restrictions near the A564 junction. A6 Lockington; contraflov In operation for bypass work from just north of M1 unction 24 to Sawley Island (B6540) with no right turn

for southbound treffic into Donnington Lane. A52 Grantham Lane: closures on the bridge over the A1 with temporary lights.
Deleys at peak periods.
A38 Burton; contraflow between Branston and Barton. with diversions. A46 Kenilworth Bypess; major roedworks near the A429/B4115 roundabout with contraflow, speed restrictions and lana dosures.

NORTH A7 Cartisle; Scotland Road down to singla lana both directions between Etterby Street and Briar Bank. M6 junctions 28-30; lane closures batween Leyland and Blacow in both directions A6136 North of Catterick Bridge; temporary lights. Long peak-period delays. A697 Powbum, Near Alnwick; road closed at Crawley Dena. Diversions. A630 Wheatley, Doncaste temporary lights. Long dela on Wheatley Hall Road.

WALES A458 Easl of Dolymaen; tamporary lights controlling traffic 24 hours. A494 Rhydymain; restrictions at Drws-Y-Nant for improvement work. A4051 Newport; land closures on Malpas Road between the M4 interchange at junction 26 and the Woodlands roundabout as major reconstruction work continues, with overnight junction closures and iversions in operation. A472 Pontypool; contraflow in operation between Pontymoile and the Haron roundabout for

major roadworks, Expect lengthy delays, especially from the A4042. A465 Glynneath Bank; traffic reduced to a singla lane with a contraflow in operation as roadworks continua.

SCOTLAND A92 Tey Road Bridge; ona lana closed southbound for maintenance work to be carried out. M8 junction 15; reduced to

two lanes westbound as roadworks continue at the Townhead junction, with arious restrictions. A77 Giffnock; contraflow in operation on Fenwick Road between Berryhill Road and Orchard Drive. M73 junction 3; down to one lane at the Mollinsburn lunction in both directions

A93 Perth: work on Glasgow Road. Various restrictions in operation. Delays at peak periods. NORTHERN IRELAND

to two narrow lanes et the Saintfiald roundabout with A2 Carrickfergus; restrictions in Lame Road at tha Rawbrae Road junction. A2; Ballyreagh Road reduced to a single lane Portrush for resurtacing work.

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rivers living in

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of the city also seems impor-

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The north-south divide

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ampton, where only one in

fifteen motorists is likely to

suffer an accident in any year is followed at the top of the

table by Belfast. Edinburgh,

Eagle Star, Britain's second

Aberdeen and Newcastle.

dangerous places.

IT'S ALL AT THE AUTOJUMBLE

THE 8EAULIEU Autojumble et the National Motor Museum this weekend is the largest event of its kind in Britain. Nearly 2,000 stalls will spread around the New Forest fields selling everything from back axles to back numbers of motoring magazines.

THE SALE is vital for anyone with a rare or classic car to maintain, and a feast of curiosity for other enthusiasts. Motorcycles are well represented and specialist stalls offer books, photographs and automotive art. Many repair and reproduction companies will also be there.

MANY of the specialist clubs have stands to meet their members and recruit new ones. The Motor Trades charity. 8EN, will have a large stand of donated material, including bargains from motor dealers having a clear-out. BUT IF things run true to form, the chances are that some of the private stallholders may not even know what they are selling. For this is the ultimate garage sale, when all those little bits and pieces, nuts, bolts, valves and grommets which fill the most-neglected shelves of

workships are spread out in the light for inspection. ■ THERE will also be an "Automart" of contplete vehicles for sale and a Christie's auction of both automobilia and autontobiles. The vendors will come from across Europe and the buyers will include those from Australia and the

THIS IS the 30th Autojumble, a word coined at Beaulieu. and to mark the occasion readers of Car 96 are offered £2 off the usual admission price if they use the coupon below.

For further information: National Motor Museum. Beaulieu, Hampshire. 01590 612345

There is no straightforward reason why Birmingham leads the accident tables, but Eagle Star believes that the city's many motorway connections could be an important factor Birmingham leads the danger list, while Southampton is safest

accident than those from Southampton, according to a pany, with 1.5 million drivers new report. writes Horvey on its books, carried out the survey by dividing the number of policy holders in each of 19 Quite why Birmingham is the most accident-prone city in cities by the number of acci-Britain, while Southampton dents they reported, then exremains comparatively safe, is pressing the result as a still puzzling the insurance

Because the vast majority of accidents take place within a few miles of home, the company says the survey is a fair reflection of the dangers in each place. It is likely that the overwhelming majority of claims came from motorists who had suffered accidents in their home ciries.

There does not seem to be any straightforward reason why driving in some of Britain's ciries is safer in terms of accidents than others," said Graham Johnston, the company's divisional director. "It is likely that the combination of large volumes of traffic, road layouts and speed limits make some cines more hazardous for drivers than others." According to the survey, 13.1 ers (one in seven) had an accident last year compared with the one in fifteen from Southampton. In London the rate is one in nine (It per cent) making the capital the third most hazardous city to drive in. 8 radford has a slightly worse record (11.2 per cent) while Birmingham is adrift at the bottom of the table.

Southampton Belfast Edinburgh Aberdee Leicester ghton. . 8.7 Wolverhampton. . 8.9 Shaffield Bristol Nottingham Manchester. Glasgow London... 11.0 Bradford

Birmingham is surrounded by motorways and it may be that drivers are coming off them too fast and then get into the city before they have properly adjusted to the slow-er speed," said Ian Crowder of Eagle Star Insurance

Sociologists could have a field day in working out how these factors come into pley and why there is such a disparity between cities. All we can do is to collect the data and use it to help us assess risk.

The survey shows that Glas-gow and Manchester also figure high on the list of places where drivers are likely to crash. It appears that heavy security has turned Belfast into one of the safest driving cities in the British Isles.

Birmingham was also close to the worst, and Southampton second-best, in a similar survey carried out by Eagle Star earlier this year into the incidence of car crime. Some 5.1 per cent of cars in Birmingham were broken into last year compared with only 1.2 per cent in Southampton. In that survey Aberdeen was the most secure, at 0.8 per

cent, and Leeds the most crime-prone at 5.5 per cent.

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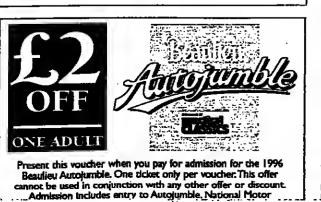
Congestion relief Vauxhall is the first manufacturer to start fitting the Trafficmaster information system, which gives a verbal warning of congestion ahead on Britain's motorways. The system, which monitors traffic flow through a network of 2.500 sensors sited on bridges and verges, will be fined as standard in many Vectra models from next month. It broadcasts an instant warning when it detects traffic moving at less than 30mph. The system will be standard on GLS. SRi and CDX models and will be offered as a £95 option on LS models.

Goes like a shot

The world's first direct-injection petrol engine has gone on sale in Mitsubishi's new generation of Galant saloons and estates in Japan. The 1.8-litre unit will be available in similar models in Europe next year. Its power output is said to exceed that of the current 2-litre multi-point fuel-injected engine. Injecting fuel directly into the cylinder is said to combine the power advantages of a petrol engine with the economy of diesel. A 25 per cent fuel saving is claimed in urban conditions.

Terminally ill

A flat battery remains the most common cause of emergency call-outs to the Mondial Assistance organisation, which offers help to motorists throughout Europe and on four other continents. Battery problems accounted for 33 per cent of callouts, followed by mechanical and electrical failures such as clutch problems. But a surprising II per cent of calls were due to





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The man responsible for RAF safety tells Stuart Birch why car driving is more dangerous than jet piloting



rsonic jet-fighter pilot Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards may cut a daredevil figure, but he is also Director of Flight Safety for the RAF — and this cautious approach is borne out by his choice of car and wary driving style

came over the aeroplane's intercom: "We "OK." I simply replied.

"We will also be rolling." "Rolling?" My idea of rolling is when a car leans a few degrees through a tight corner. You mean upside-down type rolling? But we're travelling at almost twice the speed of sound."

"Yes," the voice said. So we slowed, rolled, climbed and turned, with the G-forces tugging and crushing, the harness straps biting. before diving towards the North Sea, subsonic now, but shedding 20,000 ft in about 30 seconds, the airframe vibrating in mild protest.

Going to work with Air Commodore Rick Peacock-Edwards is an experience. While people strive for the sound barrier on land - Flight-Lieutenant Andy Green, also a Tornado flyer, is to make the anempt later this year in Richard Noble's Thrust SSC the Air Commodore has been thumping through it in the air for nearly 30 years. He spent 1,500 hours flying the old brute-force Lightning interceptor (just like a Formula One car - enormous power and wonderfully responsive). 1.000 hours in the Phantom (a real war machine) and another 2,500 in a variety of other fast jets. In 1990, he went to Saudi Arabia to establish the facilities that would enable the RAF to fight in the Gulf

Now, at the age of 51 years. the Air Commodore is still

Vhen you fly combat, you drive pacifist

flying high, and still climbing way up the Mach numbers. If it all sounds a dangerous way to earn a living, Peacock-Edwards would disagree; and he ought to know, for he is Director of Flight Safety for the RAF. I believe it is safer than driving. People around me on the roads are not trained to drive their cars in the way RAF pilots are trained to fly." he says. "Many do not have an awareness of their

to that environment - weather and road conditions. When I am driving, I am always thinking ahead and considering my options if a dangerous situation develops. You must always have an awareness of your escape ac-tion if necessary; it is an essential part of RAF pilot training.

environment, nor of changes

He says he uses the rearview mirror constantly when driving: something fighter pi-lots have done since the days of the Red Baron. "I want as much information as I can get all the time. But unfortunately most road vehicle drivers don't have the training we get."

fighter pilots, some of the everyday caution that is part of flying could be adopted by motorists. Very few drivers check their cars in the morning as any self-respecting pilot should his or her aircraft. The Air Commodore says that even a small Cessna at the local flying club must undergo a series of checks before being flown. That includes looking for any hydraulic or fuel leaks. checking the oil level, ensuring the canopy/windscreen is clean and that the aircraft's

t also includes examining tyre and brake-line condition. The irony is that a Cessna will take off and land at about 65mph - a speed much lower than that at which many drivers habitually cruise on the motorway. Yet very lew of us would make those thorough checks and examine the tyres at the start of each day; for much of the time we just presume and

tion times are such that coping with an emergency in those situations may be impossible. When formation flying, there may be only 10-20 feet between wingtips, but again we are trained for this." But if safe gaps are left between vehicles on the motorentire structure and moving way, someone invariably nips surfaces are functioning. into them, which must annoy even a safety-conscious Air

> the vital elements for a fighter pilot's success is described as controlled aggression". Peacock-Edwards grins: "Of course, my initial reaction is to flash the headlights. I am very competitive, and as a fighter pilot I like to win; coming second in air combat is not to be recommended. "But on the road," he adds,

"I usually decide to move away from such situations Peacock-Edwards's job. "Rebecause I do not want to be

sponsibility for RAF policy on flight safety and post-crash management," makes him sharply aware of road safety, too. "I am particularly con-

cerned about drivers travel-

ling at high speeds much too

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Commodore; after all, one of

near those drivers. Somegive me some help in reaching

strong parallels between flying safety and road safety, but clothing is not included. The well-dressed Tornado crew member wears a complex collection of apparel that gives a distinctly trussed up feeling. When he flies, Peacock-Edwards also wears chamois leather gloves. They are for protection in the event of fire and to give me a better grip on the controls." Yet in the 1990s, string-backed driving gloves on a steering wheel are regarded as a joke, something for the anorak set or old codgers

fighter pilots whizzing around in MGs does not quite fit the facts in Peacock-Edwards case. He drives a Volvo 940S Estate 2-litre. In Latin, Volvo means "I roll", so perhaps there is a link with the Tornado's capabilities, but Peacock-Edwards's reason for choosing it was more prosaic. We have three teenage children and it carries them and all the impediments that invariably go with them. It's my second Volvo; other cars have included a BMW. VW Passat, a Chevrolet, and a Dodge Caravan MPV. I dream of

And the image of off-duty

owning an E-type Jaguar; I have always wanted to drive But many people have want-

ed to fly - or even fly in - a jet fighter. Travelling at Mach 2 in the cosseted environment of Concorde is one thing, but doing it in a combat aircraft is something else altogether, although compared with the

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likes of the Lightning and Phantom, the Tornado is very much more civilised. Its airconditioned cockpit is roomy, with noise levels not much more than a medium-sized car. at speed, but it still climbs. dives, twists and turns at low

level with alacrity. "If the Lightning, with its twin Rolls-Royce Avon engines, was akin to a Formula One car, the Tornado is like a very high performance Grand Tourer with great power and great competence.

As Director of Flight Safety, Peacock-Edwards may fly any aircraft type operated by the RAF; but lighting up the Tornado's afterburners and shoving its twin throttle levers hard against their stops to power over the horizon is always guaranteed to give him

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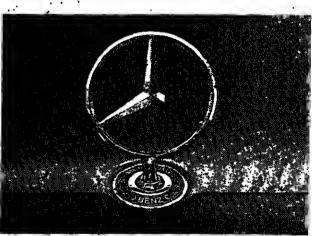
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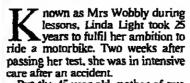
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Goldwing in Europe. It was while her husband. Pete. was looking for a motorbike for their son five years ago that the Goldwing first caugh! Linda's eye. "Pete said he had seen what he called 'a blue monster' in a bike shop, but had no idea what it was. When I saw the blke for myself, I just fell in love with it,"

she says. After shopping around, the couple bought bike number 29 of the 100 limited edition 1991 Goldwings made

a car and had not been on a

for the British market. "I never had any interest in driving Jennai Cox meets

a woman biker

wild on three

band managed to coax me on to the back of the Goldwing." Linda says. "I just wanted to drive the second-hand monster.

She got her chance soon after at a charity event where a section of land was cordoned off for novice bike riders. "I loved it, so my husband bought me an intensive course of motorbike riding lessons for Christ-

mas," Linda says.
At all of 5ft tall, Linda was known as Mrs Wobbly by her driving instructors at the centre in Wimbledon. "I was a bit unsteady, but I really wanted to succeed," she says. After four attempts she passed her test in May 1993.

Just two weeks later, when riding as a passenger with her husband, the marvellous blue monster skidded on diesel spilt by a lorry and went out of number of broken bones. The only way she would feel safe riding a bike again was on one with three wheels.

"We had talked about converting the Goldwing before, but getting the kit from Texas was so expensive," she says. The damage to Linda's confidence, not to mention that done to the Goldwing, gave them the excuse to spend the thousands of pounds needed to "trike" the bike. The 1520ccengined, three-wheel Honda is now worth £25,000 and is the only one of its kind in Europe.

he remembers: "Once I was fit enough, I went back to my old driving school and said, Right, now teach me how to ride this.' They all looked horrified." But by June last year. Linda was back on the road and has been riding happily ever since.

She became the first female member in her unit of the Goldwing Owner's Club and has encouraged other women to join. The bike has

only one drawback. "I often get stopped by the police, but they only want to chat about it

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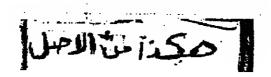
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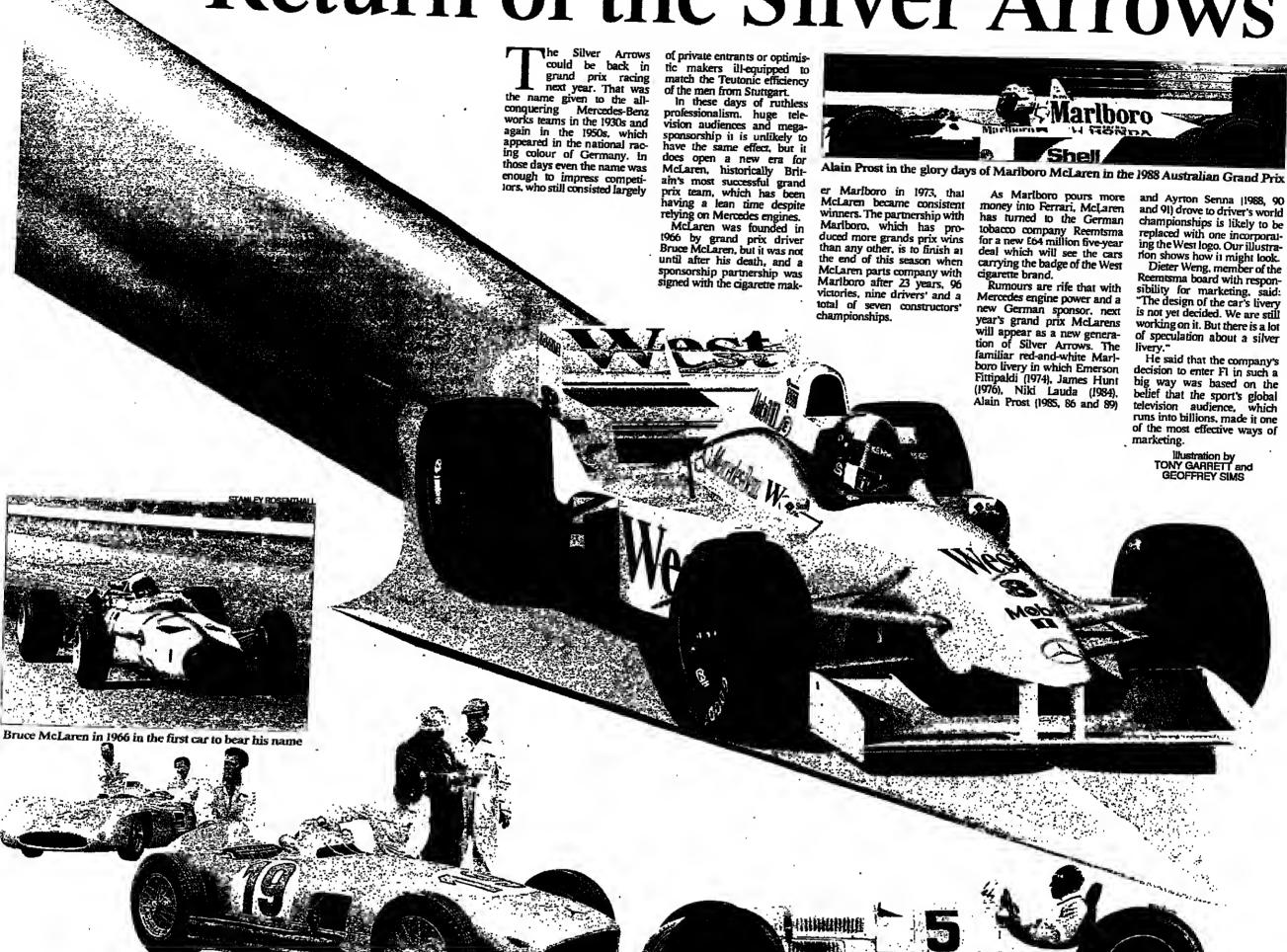
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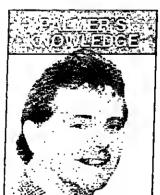
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Return of the Silver Arrows



Walter Baumer driving the Mercedes-Benz W154 of 1938, which Hitler helped to finance to boost German morale Why Williams divorced Damon

Mercedes-Benz and Fangio dominated grand prix in the mid-1950s. The 1954 car above was driven by Karl Kling

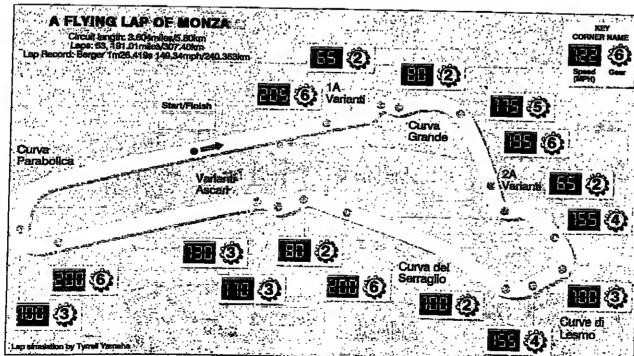


i is sad that just before Monza, as Damon Hill gets ever closer to winning the Formula One World Drivers' Championship, his finest hour has been tarnished by the news that his services are not required by Williams next year, his place being taken by Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who will drive alongside Jacques Villeneuve.

It seems bizarre. A winning British driver being dropped by a British learn in favour of an unproven German. So what on earth is going on?

First, let's make it clear. Damon has not been sacked. He will continue to drive for the remainder of his contract. which expires at the end of this year. He simply has not been able to negotiate a new contract for 1997 onwards; largely because by the time he and his manager came to discuss things with Frank Williams. the die was already cast.

Motor racing is big business. The leading teams operare on budgers in the region of £35m upwards. Clearly, Williams prime responsibility is to its shareholders, employees



more in engineering than in drivers.

But when a car-engine-driver partnership is successful. the parties usually have different views about their importance. Nigel Mansell left Williams as world Champion at the end of 1992 because the team thought his financial demands excessive.

Ironically, it was just this circumstance that gave Da-mon Hill his break. Frank Williams and Patrick Head took a big chance and employed Damon on the basis of his sterling test-driving work. It was the start of four increasingly successful seasons as Damon worked hard to justify

liant. To be that, he needs to make much better starts and be able to punch in his fast qualifying laps instantly like Schumacher, rather than having to build up to it. He has been fortunate this year that Schumacher's Ferrari has suffered inferior pace and reliability.

and has not shone this year.

But Williams' justifiable concern is that that may change, and that an improving Ferrari armed with the brilliant German may at last break its stranglehold on Formula One dominance. Hill. at 35, is now one of the oldest drivers. Frentzen, 29, has never had a car that could come Frentzen was contracted to near winning a Grand Prix Sauber this year but I suspect

starts and been a real tiger in scraps. When driving with Schumacher in the Sauber Mercedes sports car team he was thought to be as fast as Schumacher, though more temperamental.

Trentzen and Villeneuve will make a tough pairing. But a crucial point is that Williams likes to plan its driver line-up well ahead. Last year, Williams wanted Hill to sign a two-year deal. Damon preferred not to, reckoning his negotiating power for 1997 would be increased by winning the 1996 championship.

Perhaps the most telling is that Schumacher would have much preferred Hill to Frentzen in that Williams seat. Now he will have to compete with Frentzen's success for the support of the German press and people. So far Michael has had it all his own way, but the psychology of the situation will make an impact.

With seats available at McLaren and Jordan, the market will now judge Da-mon's worth, though I doubt if fortnight-old stories of a £10m McLaren offer were any more than an attempt to strengthen his negotiating position with Williams. I really hope Damon can get a competitive

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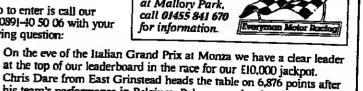
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olkswagen is committed to spending at least £12 million to persuade the British motoring public, particularly fleet buyers, that the new Passat is no longer passé when it is released un to the market in December.

The scale of VW's UK ambitions is

reflected by a planned quadrupling of sales 1u 32,000 cars next year and on to 40,000 during 1998. All for a model which VW head of marketing, John Abbett, admits has a dull worth. Abbott, admits has "a dull, worthy and uninspiring image". Larger, safer, fasier and markedly

more dynamic than Passats that went before, the new upper-medium-sector contender draws heavily for technical inspiration on its Audi A4 cousin. It shares the basic platform and much of its engine and transmission with the Audi, including the fore-and-aft engine installation which replaces the former transverse format.

The new Passat is clothed in a galvanised steel shell whose corrosion resistance earns it an 11-year anti-perforation guarantee. VW hopes it will sustain better residual values and gain elevated status among mainstream Ford Mondeos, Vauxhall Vectras and Peugeot 406s. Robin Woolcock, head of VW in Britain, believes Passat's lacklustre image will be eliminated by "a quantum leap in all departments. He has no qualms about retaining the Passat name, even if a new title might have been an additional asset.

Initially the engine line-up will be restricted to an Audi-derived, aluminium 16-valve, 1.6-litre, 100bhp petrol unit, plus 90bhp and 100bhp versions of frugal, direct-injection, 1.9-litre turbo-diesel power plants. In a phased programme from

January until spring. VW will add three new petrol units using straight-four. V5 and V6 layous. They all use light-alloy, multi-valve technology, ranging from a 1.8-litre, 20-valve, 125bhp version to the unique VR5 (150bhp) and the 30-valve, 193bhp V6 which will come with the Syncro fourwheel-drive system.

To cock a snook at its mass-market rivals, VW is offering an array of smart technology options, in addition to baseline ABS, twin airbags and immobiliser. Arguably the most useful extra is the route-finding satellite-guidance system, but for driving appeal, the five-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission seems the most



The new bodywork is much lighter and has a svelte street presence with an almost coupé-like roofline, even if its rear looks like the Vectra

attractive gadget. It switches between stick-it-in-D-and-leave-it automatic mode, to a stick-shift control, using a sequential push-pull lever for changing up and down the box.

British drivers and front-seat passengers will not get standard side airbags, testimony to the need to compete with established volume sellers on price and specification.

arger than its predecessor. the series-five Passat is highter, courtesy of a series of weight-watching measures. Use of magnesium (extracted from the Red Sea) saves 6.5kgs on the gearbox, plastic headlights are 1.5kgs lighter, tyres and wheels weigh in at 6.5kgs less, thinner glass means 3.9kgs is saved and even the windscreen washer reservoir saves on water weight, courtesy of a new finespray system. The accumulated weight luss is 40kgs or 88lbs on a car with a frame 30 per cent more rigid than the series-four Passat.

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VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT

Engines: Initially 1.6-litre (100bhp) 16-valve, four-cylinder petrol and 1.9-litre (90bhp and [10bhp] direct-injection, turbodiesels matched to five-speed manual and choice of four-speed and five-speed automatics, By spring, 1.8-litre, 20-valve (125bhp) new VR5 (150bhp) and V6, 30valve (193bhp) units with Syncro four-wheel-drive will be offered. Also Tiptronic or active automatic gearbox for higherperformance variants. Performance: 1.6 litre;

street presence than photographs project, with an almost coupé-like roofline, even if its rear end is derivative of the Vectra. The ergonomics of the driving position make use of instruments and controls

0-62mph, 12.3 seconds; top speed, 119mph, Equivalent figures for V6; 7.6, 148mph. Economy: 1.6; approx 40mpg overall. V6; 31mpg, Turbo diesel; approx 50mpg. Equipment: Standard specification includes twin airbags, front and rear belt

pre-tensioners, ABS, engine immobiliser, RDS sound system, front electric windows. Prices: From £13,000 for 1.6 entry model to around £20,000 for

Despite investing more than £2 billion in the car's development, its Dresden press fleet conspicuously lacked VRS, V6 and Tiptronic versions. But a frustratingly congested drive in the 1.6-litre petrol and 110bhp drive in the 1.6-litre petro diesel cars still demonstrated that task, even for this quality act.

refinement is what the new Passat is all about. Courtesy of a longer wheelbase than A4, it has a balance and poise well beyond previous Passats, with a singular lack of wind noise on the short (cordoned off) area of autobahn covered. The gearchange and clutch action is also in a different league, and a sense of urgency up through the gears complements long-

legged motorway cruising abilities. Six-foot passengers can sit behind similarly sized drivers, even if rear headroom feels compromised compared with the prececessor.

Passat production facilities include the Mosel factory in Saxony, an area which provided 25 per cent of prewar German car output. Use of this site has helped VW to reduce unit costs.

Without this pricing asset, VW's UK market ambitions would be academic. They translate into raising the British Passat ratio to one-in-ten of Western European Passats sold, from the one-in-40 average during the car's 23-year history. Not an easy

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Marriages and relation-ships come under severe strain when partners become embroiled in routebecome embroued in route-finding disputes in a car. But VW now has the high-technol-ogy equivalent of a route-finding Relate service. British Passat buyers can

opt for the in-car navigation aid for around £1,300 from next year when software hold-ing digitalised street plans ut the UK becomes available.

The information is held on a boot-mounted CD-Rom and triggers off the pleasant female" voice's directions, along with dashboard-mounted arrows pointing the way for those who do not know their left from their right.

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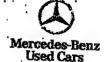
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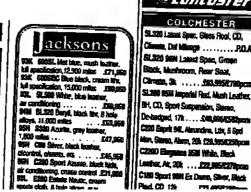


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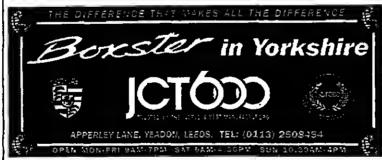
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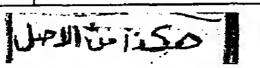
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Fith her friend and co-star Sara Crowe, the actress Ann Bryson will next month be coming to our screens in a new ITV sit-com called Sometime Never. The pair are perhaps best known for a long-running series of commercials for Philadelphia Cheese, although Ann is also a regular at the Edinburgh Festival and has recently appeared in Molière's The Hypocondriac.

Her new television role, says Ann. is in a series about the way in which things in life and love always appear greener on the other side. She appears well cast: though she owns a classic Porsche which many would covet, she admits she is already making eyes at the opposition.

How did you first learn to drive?

I had lessons with a driving school. nothing unusual, and then passed my test at the third attempt. The first time I could not get to grips with the three-point turn and I had glandular fever when I tried again. That's my excuse, and I'm sticking to it.

Whot was your first car?

A Renault Six, that's the one which looks a bit like a big Renault Four and has a spongy ride like a 2CV. I bought it for £100 and eventually crashed it into the back of the Volvo. You can imagine who came off worse but I shouldn't complain as Sara and I toured with it for at least six months and it got us both up to the Edinburgh Festival and back.

What car do you drive now, and why?

I have a Porsche 911 because it is fun and because girls are not supposed to have this sort of car. I think there are boy cars and girl cars, and the 911 is a boy car. Mine is about 20 years old and turquoise - or Tahoe Blue if you are a member of the Porsche Club of Great Britain, which I am, Although it is old. I have never had any trouble with it as it is serviced by a wonderful man in Godalming.

Do you like driving?



Bryson with pets: "On country roads, where of course I always conform to the speed limits, the Porsche is great at going round corners."

London, where all driving is completely dull and boring. On country roads, where of course I always conform to the stated speed limits, the Porsche is great at going round corners and I love that.

What is your most hated car?

Easy — the Austin Allegro. Ugly, slow, stupid, and what's the point?

What is your dream car?

The new Mercedes-Benz SLK, the little sports car that is coming here next year. They are already taking orders, apparently, and I wish I could afford one but I cannot even if I sell Yes I do, except where I live in land and I think he might get one.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Throwing rubbish on the floor and smoking.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

Indecision, not just old people but young ones too. Obviously if you are driving around somewhere quiet it is slightly different but in a place like London you just have to go for it.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

Well, it is not what I have done, it is with whom I did it that makes it unusual, but I could not possibly divulge the name.

Have you ever had points on your

Yes, but I do not have any on my licence now. I got the penalty points for speeding, but I was only doing 40mph in a 30mph zone, which could not be more dull.

What do you listen to in your car?

Mostly Virgin FM and sometimes Radio Four because the tape player in the 911 is almost as old as the car and it's complete rubbish. It is not quite an eight-track cartridge, but it is not much better.

you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

I would instigate an efficient form of local transport so that people, particularly women, could feel safe travelling at night. The absence of such a service really is the only reason I drive around London at all, and we really need something better. Amsterdam would be a good place to learn the right lessons; its transport net-

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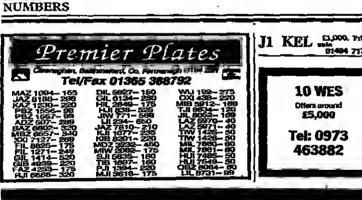
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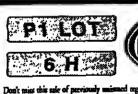
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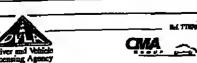
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ane threw a tantrum last Friday night. Not surprising really; she had been deprived at the last minute uf first place in a historic parade and behaved in the only way a grand lady

Jane is a Daimler, one of the oldest and finest on the road. but her place at the head of a cavalcade of Coventry-built cars, organised to celebrate the centenary of the British motor industry, had been usurped by a more original model.

Her response, to the shock and embarrassment of Peter Thompson, her owner, was to stop in her tracks. She could have chosen one of the quiet back streets of Coventry which were included in the 20-mile route but ground to a halt at busy traffic lights on the fringe of the city centre.

As Thompson removed the bonnet's side-panel, many of the following 150 cars in the parade squeezed past while onlookers gawped in amusement, Instant repairs were impossible so Mrs Thompson and I climbed down from our cart-like seats to push Jane into a nearby garage.
In fairness to the fine old

lady, she was only one of several to misbehave during the three days of Motor in the City events. Unfortunately for me, I seemed to be with most

The breakdowns, however, just added to the atmosphere of a memorable weekend which began with the Coventry Collection parade, contined with the Motor City

petition and culminated on Sunday in the 65-mile Mayflower Coventry Shakespeare Run. weather Fine brought out half the lunch the population of Warwickshire and stop, and the West Midlands to cheer on all the retired' historic participants.

Jane's behaviour incline after parading through the city centre, the 1898 Daimler 6hp Wagonette which had claimed the number one spot slowed to a crawl forcing Thompson to brake. The eager driver of the following 1904 Siddeley failed to anticipate the problem and crunched up behind us. Luckily, the difference in size between the lowslung Siddeley and the cartlike Daimler meant that the

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romantic story of the night. The car was built by the Challenge driving skills com- company formed by John became managing 'I finally director of Deasy

> created Siddeley-Deasy Motor Car company in 1912. Just before the parade' began, members of the Siddeley and

Deasy families met

for the first time in could be excused. On the first more than 80 years. Lord Kenilworth, Siddeley's great grandson, was on hand to greet Rickard Deasy, 80-yearold son of Captain Henry Deasy, who had flown from Ireland specially. Appropriately, the two

Daimlers and the Siddeley were followed in the parade by a 1910 Deasy bearing Siddeley's initials (JDS) and owned by Nigel Bradshaw of Lytham St Anne's, who gave only damage was to Jane's up his seat in the car to allow

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Jane, the ancient Daimler, before her unladylike upset

Rickard Deasy to savour his father's pride and joy.

Elsewhere in the parade, more relatives were reunited with cars from their ancestors' companies, while retired carworkers met vehicles they had helped build years ago. Armstrong Siddeleys, Swifts and Sunbeams all cruised around the city with a rarer Autovia, Calcott and Cluley.

So what happened to Jane? Thompson discovered that her problems resulted from the stop-start nature of the parade:

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she had used up more petrol than expected, run out and

then developed an air lock. A garage air pump and an ingenious mechanic from the Museum of British Road Transport, Coventry, helped ease her difficulties and we were able to beat some of the entrants back to the finish by

taking a short cut. If Jane had been petulant, the 1948 Jaguar Mark V that I collected on Saturday was a real hitch. She looked extremely elegant with her long black nose and graceful body but became bad tempered when treated impolitely.

had not intended to upset her but the organisers had decreed that I should drive an historic Jaguar together with the two other members of the Car 96 team competing in the Motor City Challenge. Alan Copps, the Car 96 editor, promptly siezed the Series 1 XJ6, with its automatic gearbox and power steering. Kevin Eason, motor-ing editor, took the 1955 Mark VII which had once belonged to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and I was left with

"Big Bertha".

Double-declutching, differentiating between first and reverse gear and steering the beast were bad enough on the open road but nigh impossible in test conditions, especially for someone lacking Arnold Schwarzenegger's muscles.

At the Motor Industry Research Association proving ground, Bertha was forced into several manouevres at speed, reversing through one set of cones. forward through the next, making 360-degree turns and weaving in and out of more cones. I am proud to say that here, at least, I accrued fewer penalty points than my colleagues . . . but at a cost. Bertha boiled over and by the time we reached the hill tests, we were both enveloped

Several buckets of water later, we anempted to continue but Bertha had become so hot and has made a couple of that fuel had evaporated be-



Another upset. This time Tony Dawe tries mopping up

tween tank and carburettor. After a long rest, we finally made it to the lunch stop where I required buckets to drink and decided to retire. My poor performance and the failure to complete the remaining stages earned an impressive tally of 2,755 penal-

ty points, rather more than the 38 scored by the winner. On the Shakespeare run on Sunday, I waited until we were several miles into the route before telling Nigel Hugo, my host, about my record of misfortune. He was unperturbed, insisting that his 1911 Model T Ford open tourer would carry on regardless. "It was built for the wide open plains of the Midwest, so 65 miles in the Midlands won't

cause any trouble." he said. He imported the car from the United States 15 years ago modifications including the

introduction of a twin-speed axle to make it easier to drive. The car behaved impeccably, as did almost all the 470 historic vehicles taking part including The Times Twenty entered by Car 96 readers.

Last to complete the circular route at 3.40pm was Stan Greenway, who had been first to leave at 10am, but he had the excuse of driving an 1899 Century Tandem Forecar. "It took all that time to do the trip and I didn't stop on the way."

He admitted to being thirsty and stiff because the vehicle is steered by a tiller and must be held in gear to keep it moving. Every time he needs to work the compressor by hand, he has to wedge his thigh against the gear lever to prevent the car from stopping. He managed without a hitch, which is more than can be said for

BEST ON TEST

I teve Howe amassed just 38 penalty points on 19 different driving skills tests to win the inaugural Motor City Challenge during the celebra-tions marking the centenary of the British motor industry last weekend.

Rover display team driver Russ Swift terrifies Car 96 journalists by using the borrowed Jaguars as goalposts

The 34-year-old systems engineer from Leicestershire is no stranger to Car 96 readers. for he has also won The Times/Lease Plan Company Car driver competition for the last two years and become an inveterate campaigner for safer driving.

Howe avoided penalty points on 13 of the 19 driving skills tests in his Ford Mondeo Si and struggled only with a speed regularity test and a manoeuverability exercise. With his partner Bruce Elson he finished () points ahead of Phil Pickles and Duncan Crambe, leading an AA feam in a Fiat Tempra. and James Thomas and Mal Friend in a Rover Metro.

The tests, which also featured speed and distance judgments and a written exam, were staged at nine centres in the Midlands, including the Peugeot Ryton plant, Jaguar Engineering Centre, Motor Industry Research Association proving ground and the National Motorcycle Museum.

Many entrants displayed very professional skills but also went to novices. both old and young. A special award was presented by Alan Copps, editor of Car 96 which co-sponsored the event to Alex Russell and Craig Jackson, two teenagers who had travelled from Lincolnshire to take part. They drove a borrowed Vauxhall Chevette and slept in tents because they could not afford to pay for

hotel accommodation. Corinne Davies also picked up an award for perseverance. Her 1965 Singer Gazelle had taken part last Friday night in the Coventry Collection parade of historic cars built in the city but she had been told that she would not enjoy the driving skills test in such a

At a reception which followed the parade she challenged the organisers and met Malcolm Ashford, who agreed to be her navigator. She then took her place at the start at the National Grid Centre on Saturday morning, and finished with a creditable 362 penalty points.

The most spectacular skills of all were exhibited by Russ Swift, the stunt driver with the Rover display team. who stunned entrants and spectators alike with a daredevil high-speed show outside the Motorcycle Museum.

For a climax, he terrified the Car 96 team, including 13year-old James Dawe who rode with him, by turning his car on its side and driving on the edge of two tyres between .

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Team Award: AA Team of Samantha Baird, Phil Pickles and Simon 1/ Taylor in a Honda, Fiat Tempra and Peugeot 406. Classic Car Drivers: Paul Manstield, Rover P4 Rover Drivers: James Thomas, Rover Metro. Peugeot Drivers: Colin Jones, Citroen ZX (Peugeot owns Citroen). rs with unusual cars; A.J. Nicholi, AF Sports. Special Awards to Alex Russell and Craig Jackson, Corinne Davies and Malcolm Ashford, and Peter Mitchell (only solo entrant).

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Sky patrol with the chopper coppers

car hurtles through a red traffic light at apparently behind him won't follow. But the thief hasn't reckoned on a flying Squirrel, equipped with almost twice his speed, overhead. The chase is effectively

Sky patrols entered a new era this year when the Metropolitan Police Air Support Unit took delivery of a third Aérospatiale AS355N Twin Souirrel helicopter costing El.9 million. After 15 years of operational policing over London, the Squirrel's predecessors, three trusty Bell 222s. have been honourably retired.

Ideal when the Met was the first police authority in the country to deploy its own helicopters, the bigger, faster Bells often flew to the aid of other forces. But since many of these began teaming up to provide air support — as indeed the Met itself has done. linking up with Surrey Police - the Squirrels became a logical next choice.

More manoeuvrable for inner-city use, quieter and offeraddition to being easier and cheaper to run and maintain, the Squirrels carry the newest and night-observation technology in the form of stateof-the-art video and thermal imaging equipment.

Since the only way to see to all work is to go up, I joined a three-strong crew for a night shift. The first surprise, after sprinting to a "crew to aircraft" command at the Essex Surrey) was the minimal time required to become airborne with, theoretically, just 37 seconds between start-up and launch. It was a clear cold night (making London look wondrous) and my nine stones had a negligible effect on fuel and performance. The Squirrel got to where it was needed fast, doing two miles a minute at around 1,000 feet over that river of light, the M25 in full rush-hour flood. "Just look at that traffic..., whistled a crew member over the



One of the Metropolitan Police's new £1.9 million Squirrel helicopters. Each carries the newest day and night-observation technology in the form of state-of-the-art video and thermal imaging equipment

But our first task in north London - following the sighting of a wanted suspect required us to hover and contain an area of undergrowth until ground police arrived with dogs. And so we

our flight controller cut through the plethora of radio communications: "Got a little job for you ...

We've just been called on Channel 3. Is it the same one?" asks PC Dave Harriott, sec-

of two observers on board. "Observers' roles depend on where they sit," he explains. The front one assists the pilot, navigates to the job and operates camera equipment. The one in the back keeps a log of

the ground. To even up, we'll swap places - the one at the back has less to do." That night, although he got to operate the aircraft's 30-million candle-power "night-sun" searchlight, its "shysbout" the intercom, the pilot, seeking

a landmark, asks: "Where's Wandsworth nick?" "On our tail, on our tail," responds the Met's PC Terry White, the front observer in charge of camera and imaging equipment housed in a dual pod as compact as a portable television, suspended beneath the nose. Able to rotate through 360 degrees, with broadcast colour capability and a 32x zoom lens for longrange day surveillance, the equipment packed into this pod is impressive. It makes the identification of individuals and vehicle plates possible

from between 350 and 600

aspector Chris Ware, the head of Avon and Somer-

set's new Air Support unit, says Bristol once suffered from six or seven ram-raids a night,

but since his Aérospatiale Twin Squirrel went into action the figure has come down to one or two a month.

"After a year of operation, we have made 174 arrests of

car criminals directly from the use of the helicopter. Our team

can't claim all the credit, but

it's a vital part of the broader-

impact scheme against car

crime. Time and again, we find that the Squirrel is doing

a job without even leaving the ground - once the thieves know that we're onto them.

their priority is to get away from the car. If they wait until

them to run."

metres. A live video link to New Scotland Yard means controllers there can direct helicopter operations from the ground if needed.

Searching for suspects is air support's bread are traffic-related. But when chases labrynthine streets or alleyways on inner-city housing escars can't follow, the Squirrel is invaluable. The night

before I flew saw two car chases within a minute of each other. One driver, not speeding but refusing to stop, was tracked by the Squirrel to a position where a patrol car was able to lay a stinger, a device to puncture tyres safely and ambush the vehicle. In the

Simon Hacker joins the ram-raid busting Bristol patrol

Heat is on the chase

other chase, as four occupants of a stolen car scattered, three arrests were made by police with dogs while the fourth was down to the Squirrel's thermal

What may not be realised is that any police officer -A 32x even the lowliest on the beat - can zoom lens request air assistance without recan ID a course to higher authority or fear of car at 600 reprimand. In fact, the Met and Surrey metres police actively

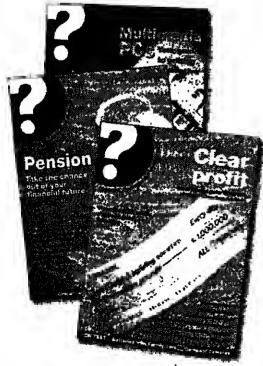
proselytise via with the video compilations of operational film, encouraging

their officers to use air support. "It's budgeted for and every division contributes, so use it," is the rationale. Figures prove the worth of air policing in two eight-hour

call-out crew on stand-by. For the 12 months ending December 1995, the Met and Surrey's air support unit flew 2,660 hours and dealt with 6,150 tasks, involving 720 arrests. Of these, 50 per cent were directly attributed to aircraft specialist equipment and trained police observers. Taking into account searches for missing persons as well as escapees from police or prison, an estimated 3,844 police staff hours were saved.

But no helicopter is perfect and even the Squirrel can appear overkeen. The night I went up, as well as suspects on camera we caught foxes, bunnies, compost heaps . . . even a dying barbecue, after "talking" a policeman on the ground to a spot indicated by the thermal imager. It was just a shame he had to scale a 12ft wall to reach the embers.

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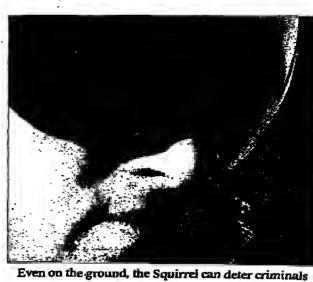
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up information from moles in s a tool for catching thieves, the chopper the car-crime world. When the alert goes out a team can be off the tarmac and works with clinical efficiency. Trailing just a few feet a mile away over the city centre within 90 seconds. above the stolen car, the 30million-candlepower spotlight Guided by a professional pilot. lights the surrounding area to a convenient observation point football-stadium standards. If is chosen, and the real work the pilot flies too close, the begins. Perched up here, the light is capable of singeing the image of police detection work takes on a futuristic edge. paint off the car's roof. Should the thief escape on foot into the The thermal imaging camdark, the thermal camera enables the operator to guide era strapped to the chopper's belly picks out the cars with officers on the ground to

All this efficiency has not been without reaction from the criminals. The cheekiest among them drive their blackwindowed XR2s and SRIs up to the security fence at Filton. to do a spot of monitoring for themselves. The unit is wary of attack: Merseyside's unit suffered a dawn visit with a petrol can and an axe Beyond the buoyant hum-

our and camaraderie of the flight crew, everyone is aware that the chopper is primarily there to cut down fatalines. Two years ago, a Bristol postman was knocked down and killed by joyriders; no one needs to compile lists to argue the case for this alternative to ground-based chases. As Inspector Ware explains: "Before we had the helicopter, we often had to pull back from confronting a stolen car - the dangers were just too great to

DE DESHBOARD Are sky patrols worth it?

I know ear crime is now widespread, but does it really pay to spend taxpayers' money on helicopters?

A Car crime is the largest category of crime in many parts of the country. Even if you are not affected it will put up your insurance.

But I thought that car crime was meant to be declining?

It is overall, but A it's patchy. Hence the Government's continuing "Hyena" cam-paign urging vigilance.

Where are the best and the worst of the British car-crime areas?

Cleveland, Greater A Manchester, West Yorkshire and the West Midlands are bad. The safest areas are Dyfed-Powys, Suffolk, Wiltshire and North Wales.

And London ...?
Smashing a car
window to steal a Rolex watch sounds bad to me.

It shows how vil-A lains keep changing lains keep changing tactics. The lesson is to be vigilant and keep valu-ables out of sight. Car crime in London is below average; maybe it's those helicopters.

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THE 19th-century French physicist Pierre Simon Laplace saw the cosmos as a huge mechanical system which obeyed the strict physical laws of motion. All maner was caught in the embrace of these mathemarical laws and they dictated the behaviour of the planets and the smallest atoms. This concept of the cosmos

as a deterministic machine governed by unbending laws has influenced science until very recently. Now scientists are moving away from these reductionist theories and adopting a more holistic and complex approach towards understanding the structure of the physical world.

Coveny and Highfield define complexity as "the study



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THESE wry, tender stories are about rites of passage, the small but significant events that become turning points in people's lives. A ien-year-old comes through his first summer camp and wonders how he can signal to his parents how much he has grown up: a father is almosi caught out in an innocent deception aimed at impressing his son and suddenly sees their relationship in a new perspective. The central characters are American men but the women in these stories are equally well observed. Cooper's writing is neither new-mannish nor blokey, and has an enjoy-

able. Salinger-style humour.



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Barings collapsed owing

£869 million. At first sight

this was due to fraud by a

trader in its Singapore office,

Nick Leeson. Stephen Fay,

former-deputy editor of the

independent on Sunday,

has used his contacts in the

financial world to inveso-

gate the story. He concludes

that it was the combination

of electronic banking and

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THE COLLAPSE OF ■ COMING OF AGE BARINGS WITH ELEPHANTS By Stephen Fay By Joyce Poole Hodder & Stoughton, 27.99 Arrow £6.99 ISBN 0 09 918242 4

ISBN 0-340-66559-9 JOYCE POOLE was born in Africa and this remarkable book is a vivid testament to the hold that continent's horizons have on the European imagination. Poole has devoted her life to researching the lives of elephants in Kenya. For 14 years, she has lived in the bush under an unforgiving African sun and her studies have produced vital insights into the complex family structures of the world's largest land animal. Elephanis are the thief proragonists in this book but the humans who are driven to live annung diem are no less fascinating a species.

Contributors: Perry Cleveland-Peck, Hazel Leslie, Amanda Louse, Alison Burns, Lucy Lethbridge, Fiona Hook.

BOOKS

Zen and the art of the chuckle

NOWhere is a surprise. Aurelio Zen, the introverted, mother-oppressed police inspector whose realistically cynical and gloomy view of Vene-oans, Romans and human nature generally has permeated the previous four novels in which he has appeared, has taken a turn for the light-hearted. "See Naples and chuckle" might be the subtitle of his latest escapades.

The once lugubrious Zen is revelling in his new dead-end job in charge of policing the Neapolitan harbour. He wanders in late, delegates all decisions to underlings, and spends much of his time happily meddling in the romantic affairs of his landlady's two pretty but naive Michael Dibdin's gloomy detective has discovered a sense of fun in an almost

Wodehousian plot, Marcel Berlins says

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By Michael Dibdin
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daughters and their unsuitable pettygangster swains. His solution — to send the starry-eyed girls to England on a lame pretext and, in their absence, to hire two prostinites, disguised as illegal Albanian immigrants, to seduce the boyfriends into

transferring their affections — is almost Wodehousian in its absurd complexity and unbelievable but joyful ramifications.

Reality intrudes by way of a "cleanup the city" campaign that does not quite follow the intentions of the slogan. Some of the more seriously corrupt citizens of Naples are literally being scooped up into the innards of the garbage trucks that prowl at dawn. Zen's reluctant investigation

of these dirty crimes blends seamlessly into the farcical machinations that dominate the book.

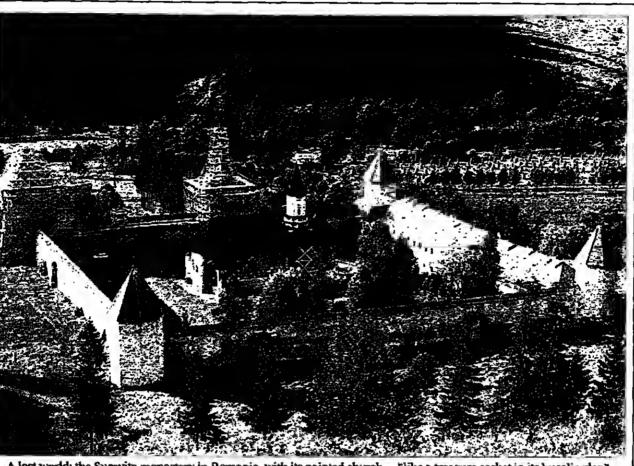
The superior wit of Dibdin's novel

is nor limited to Zen's anocs. As the opera-loving reader will already have suspected, it is no accident that the book bears the title of Mozart's Naples-set opera. Even the chapter headings are apposite quotes from the songs; and the plot unfolds in delightfully operanic fashion. You do not need to have heard the fail lady sing to appreciate Dibden's homage, but enjoyment is enhanced.

Perhaps the book is a touch selfindulgently clever; but all is forgiven when the resultant virtuosity provides such great pleasure.



Dibdin: Neapolitan operatics



A lost world; the Sucevita monastery in Romania, with its painted church - "like a treasure casket in its bucolic glen"

These boots were made for walking

met him, deep in the heart of Romania, Nick Crane had scrambled down 2.000 Viking, E18 steep metres and then marched 55km. In the days that followed, days that included a wondrous night under a full moon camped beside a spring high in the Cindrel mountains eating a spaghetti bolognese that has never been equalled by any restaurant, and washing it down with a single malt, he did not dwell on the storm, fierce enough to knock a man down, that had just lasted for 72 hours. Nor on the three hungry days that had followed as he completed the high traverse of the Eastern Transylvanian Alps.

point of obscenity but the fact remains that in 1935 her Perhaps that was because such mindearnings from writing and blowing weeks were by now commonplace to the man who was walking 10,000 only to Randolph Hearst's. km along the backbone of Europe from From vaudeville to Hollywhere the earth ended. Cape Finisterre, to wood, we see West blazing Istanbul, the gateway to Asia: a walk that entirely her own profesional and romantic trail, leading

THE man is formidable: on the day that 1 CLEAR WATERS RISING ISBN 0 670 86839 6

> was planned to take a year but instead filled two long summers and one winter; a walk undertaken just one year after Crane had married another formidable traveller. Annabel Huxley. Why? Because, as R. L. Stevenson wrote

> in Travels with a Donkey: "I travel for travel's sake". But Stevenson, one of the greatest travel writers of all time, also added: "And to write about it afterwards". That was Crane's intention and he has

> now completed his masterpiece, Clear Waters Rising, subtitled with masterly understatement "a mountain walk across Europe". It is a book that must surely lift him into that rare category inhabited by Stevenson, Wilfred Thesiger, Peter Flem-

ing, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Eric Newby and Crane's own hero Patrick Leigh Fermor. It is quite simply a great book about a great walk, a book with the capacity to make me laugh aloud and cringe with

pain, such as the time when he applied surgery, with a Swiss Army knife, to a frostbitten toe while making a Christmas ascent of Mont Blanc: "I pierced the edge of the black area, then pushed in the knife and lifted the blade, like opening an olive ... the side of the roe fell off on the towel. then rolled to the floor with a 'tick'."

But I laughed more often and was made to indulge, pleasurably, in what Crane calls "that underrated leisure activity, thinking".

I envy him the experience. I thank God that I did not have to live and walk through it. I revel in the telling of his tale.

CHRISTOPHER BRASHER | forts". But it is marred by a

When the Bear gets grisly

ONE of the perpetual feushes of the thriller genre is the idea that a book benefits by being wisdom, topicality sells.

Frederick Forsyth's Icon has aimed for topicality in the potential for chaos in post-Yeltsin Russia. Several of his characters are thumbnail sketches of real people, from Max Hastings, a former editor of The Daily Telegraph, here restored to his posicion in the guise of Brian Worthing, to a neo-Fascist Russian nationalist politician modelled on Vladimir Zhirinovsky, though supposedly his successor.

This new Russian messiah. Igor Komarov, is a would-be Slav Hitler whose equivalent of Mein Kampf — complete with predictable plans for reconquest of the Soviet emoire and concentration camps for Jews - manages to find its way into the British embassy. The hero, however, in a book clearly wrinen for the American market, is a CLA man.

Jason Monk is one of Langey's top spooks, departed in distillusion after seeing his agents executed as a result of CIA traitor Aldrich Ames's betrayals. But the former KGB man who had them killed is now chief of staff to Komarov. Monk is ready to return to the fray to exact revenge and scupper Komarov's presidential ambidons.

And that is it really, except that Forsyth throws in the bizarre idea that a solution to Russia's ills would be to have a minor member of the House of Windsor on the throne.

lcon is a fast-moving tale with a satisfactory set-piece climax. There are some good lines, my favourite being the description of the Rossiya hotel as about as big as Alcatraz but without the comBy Frederick Forsyth Bantam, £16.99

ISBN 0 593 02801 5 few sloppy mistakes: East German marks were no good to anyone in September 1990.

months before reunification, More worrying though is the moral message Forsyth seems to be espousing. The motive force on the eve of the new millennium is an ageing cabal of the retired great and good in alliance with a few allenabling plutocrats. Monk's monkey business is carried



out with the blessing of Margaret Thatcher, Henry Kissinger, Lord Carrington, George Bush, Colin Powell and James Baker — to name a few — but no elected politician.

True, these fading luminaries are acting for the best, but what Icon applauds is the triumph of a self-satisfied small group of people convinced that they know best over the wishes — however wrong-headed - of a democrane majority. Ironically. it was the Russians who invenied a word for it: bolshevism.

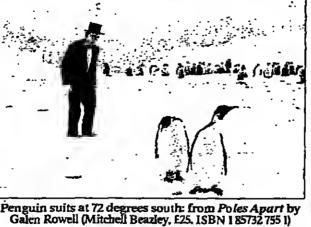
PETER MILLAR

South into the deep freeze

AT THE bottom of this planet," wrote Admiral Byrd. the South Pole, "is an enchanted continent ... pale like a sleeping princess." Antarctica is the coldest, windiest, most lifeless landmass in our world. yet it is also the most enigmatic and mysterious.

It is into this land of superlatives that Sara Wheeler slides in Terra Incognita. an account of her seven months spent journeying across the ice-sheet in an attempt to unlock some of its ausiere secrets. "We all have our own White South," wrote Ernest Shackleton, one of Antarctica's earliest explorers. For Wheeler as for him, the continent is a metaphor as well as the most daunting challenge an adventurer can

Wheeler's travelogue is sharp with observation. Her descriptions of bloodless icefields and wind-skittering crystals, of the ancient ululant songs of seals and the aquamarine opacity of jagged bergs, freeze-frame fragments of a landscape which seems by its nature too great for the imagination to comprehend. Alert to the heroism of an earlier age, Wheeler weaves



TERRA INCOGNITA: Travels in Antarctica By Sara Wheeler Ionathan Cape, £16.99 ISBN 0 224 04184 3

exploration into her account. The epic feats of Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton, of Douglas Mawson and Roald Amundsen are set alongside those of a more modern social order. Frozenbearded hydrologists, glaciologists and seismologists stalk the realms where huskies once panted over a mapless land and gaunt men died of cold and hunger in snowbound

In many ways Wheeler's is a practical account of human resourcefulness in a land where windchill sends temperatures phummeting down imo the minus scale. Details of radions and high-tech ecolavatories, of tracked vehicles

and thermal clothes are all meticulously recorded. But the greatest problems which Wheeler encounters are those which arise in the provinces of the mind. Isolated in desolate winter darkness, the inhabitants of the bases are driven deeper and deeper into "linle animal dens" of themselves, each building for himself a corner in the wreck of his personality" in which to retire.

Penetrating, vivacious and often amusing. Wheeler's record has a sharp authenticity. But it is when it raises itself above the level of description that her writing is at its best. In the Antarctic "there is always the indefinable which holds aloof yet rivets our soul", wrote Douglas Mawson. It is to this that Wheeler remains keenly alen.

RACHEL CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

Sharp tongue but no taste

A. A. Gill

critic, A. A. Gill is poisonously funny and devastatingly as-tute. His articles read like stories; each hapless thef and television producer gorgeous-Unfortunately, in his first

novel, Sap Rising, the charac-ters are as lifelike as garden gnomes and the narraove is schoolboyishly crude, linger-ing with a ravaging lack of taste on descriptions of penises, bottoms and semen. The plot, such as it is, concerns a group of people with an interest in a garden square in central London, all of whom do little more than have sex and spout obscenities.

There is sex between an Alsatian dog and the corpse of a reclusive film star; between the aforementioned hound and a poncy life peer; between a foul-mouthed harridan and an adze; between the novel's hero, Charles, his girlfriend lona and Lily, a half-Chinese, half-Vietnamese waif who gives freely of her personal services as a way of getting out

should turn his wit to more than puerile naughtiness

By A. A. Gill Doubleday, £15.99 ISBN 0 385 40789 0

of the ironing. Adminedly, Lily's imitation of Miss Saigon is quite funny the first time, but wearisome with repetition. The novel is sprinkled with

annoying literary devices that somehow make it nastier than straightforward pornography: an intrusive narrator who comments archly on the action and a houseful of talking, or rather sniggering, anrique furniture.

And yet, and yet ... somewhere in this stupid mess, a serious novel on the state of

drowning. In a rousing speech to the garden comminee, Iona takes time out from doing unusual things with fudge to declare against "the vested interests, the patronage brokers, the greater-good mer-chants". A nymphomaniac (what else) Hungarian reflects on England: "This was a country where there were volumes of philosophy in the earth and none in the people." An offensively compassionate vicar takes down the old regimental flags that adorn his church - symbols of stoic dignity - and replaces them with polyester-mix sheets celebrating the far more pressing and relevant crusades against intolerance, sadness and being generally under the

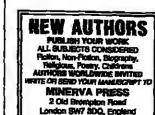
It is touches like this that make you long for Gill 10 lose interest in fiction which is naughty and not at all nice and turn his talent for derision on a subject worthy of it.

PENNY PERRICK

TIMES BOOKS

THURSDAY

Linda Colley on Sir Roy Strong's The Story of Britain: Derwent May on James Lees-Milnes's Fourteen Friends; Michael Holmann looks at the early work of T. S. Elior, plus new fiction reviewed



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Pollu and the Star Fairies Puppet performance from Nomad Puppets, plus other shows featuring Little Miss Muffet and Jo Jo, Scruffy and Friends. Nomad Studios.

Upper Tooting Road, SWI7 10181-767 4005). Tomorrow, 11.30am and 2pm; E2.50.

Whirling Wunders Three-year-olds and above are invited to join in a workshop investigating optical toys. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (0181-983 5200). Today, Ham-12-45pm and 2-3-45pm; free.

Zippo's Circus The traditional fun-packed gravity-defying performances, including horses Kew Bridge, (0374 811811/608090), Today, tomorrow, times vary; £2.50.

■ REGIONAL

BALLYMONEY Teddy Festival If you go down to the Heritage Centre Ioday, you'll be sure to find teddies aplenty, plus related bear activities. Heritage Centre. Charlotte Street (01205 o62280]. Today, 10am-12.30pm and 2-4pm; admission free.



Toribridge: experience a bird's eye view of the countryside at this weekend's Hot Air Balloon Festival, Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring

DOWNPATRICK **Down County Museum** Fun, educational tour of the Vikings and Saint Patrick. Down County Museum. The Mall (01396 615218). Today and Iomorrow, 2-5pm; free.

GLASGOW Grandpa's Quiet Day Black Box Puppet Theatre, for three to seven-year-olds.

Scottish Mask and Puppet Centre. Balcarres Avenue (0141-339 6185). Today, 2pm; £3, child £2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Children's Gallery Art and craft activities. Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, IOam-5pm, tomorrow, 2-5pm; free,

Science Factory
Educational Learning tools and toys for children. Discovery Museum. Blandford Square (0191-232 6789). Today, 10am-5pm; free.

TONBRIDGE Hot Air Balloon Festival Up, up and away in 25 hot air balloons for a relaxing bird's eye view of Tonbridge,

Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring (01622 872068). Today, ends tomorrow, phone for details; admission £3.50-£6.

It's a Knockout Stars from the Gladiators join members of the public in aid of Child Victims of Crime. Whitbread Hop Farm. Beltring (01622 872068). Tomorrow, 10.30am; £3.50-£6.

COMEDY

LONDON Banana Cabaret Tonighi's slot features Smiley. Lee Hurst, Mark Westwood and Neville Raven. Banano Cabaret. The

Bedford Hill, SW12 (0181-673 1756). Tonight. 9pm; £6. concs £4.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

COMEDY STORE Stand-ups vanish en masse in September, probably sick to the back teeth of cracking jokes after Edinburgh. The comedy circuit is, consequently, quiet as the grave. There is the odd

giggle, however. This year's delightfully rambling Perrier Award-winner Dylan Moran is popping into the Comedy Store tonight Tomorrow, the Slore offers its line-up of regulars. Paul Merton will he improvising with Lee Simpson, the multitalented comic and theatre director Phelim McDermott and others.

KATE BASSETT The Comedy Store. Oxendou Street, SWI (0171-344 4441). Tonight, Spm (doors 6.30pm) and mid right (doors lipm); to narrow, Spm (doors 6.30pm).

Cosmic Comedy Club Otis Cannelloni, Brendan Riley, Paul Thorne and Jo Clements. Noel Britten MCs. Astro Bar and Cosmic Comedy Club, Fulham Palace Road, Wo (0171-381 2006). Tonight, 8.30pm: admission £8.

Chiswick Comedy Club Tonight's short spots, plus Sean Percival, Mike Hayley and



London, Ha Bloody Ha Ealing Broadway: Helen Austin

Martin Coyote. Chiswick Comedy Club. Rowan's Cafe Bor. Stilehall Parade, Chiswick High Road, W4 (0181-742 1649). Tonight, 9.30pm: £6, cones £4.

Ha Bloody Ha Ealing Broadway The hilarious Helen Austin. plus Mike Hayley, Clyde West and Ian Keable. Harvey Floorbangers (formerly The Haven). Haven Green, W5 10181-566 4067). Tonight, 9.30pm; £6, concs £4.

Hampstead Comedy Club Milton Jones, Paul Zenon and Marion Pashley. Hampstend Clinic at G.E. Aldwinkles, Corner Fleet Road and Pond Street, NW3 (0171-485 2112). Tonight, 8.45pm; £5.

LONDON Ireue Cara Singer of the theme tunes for Fame and Flashdance. The Grand. Clapham Junction, SWII (0171-738 9000). Tonight, Spm;

POP

The Oyster (Ceilidh) Band Rousing English fulkrockers. Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, NWI (0171-860 5590). Tonight. 7.30pm; E9-E10.

Thumas Ribeiro Funk-rock and soul singer songwriter. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street, W1 (0171-139

0747). Tomorrow, Spm; £8. **■ REGIONAL** BIRMINGHAM

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Dublin is currently a hothed of activity as the town plays host to this year's In the City event, a six-day gathering of the music-biz clans. Billy are among the many acts performing at various venues domiciled American singer Heidi Berry. Her latest alburn, Miracle. is a gentle. which combines discreet Celt-

4525). Tomorrow, 8pm; EI5. CRITIC'S CHOICE

HEIDI BERRY until September 11. Pick of the crop this weekend is Britishsometimes sombre collection

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Ecologically-minded Acid Jazz funk team, always a good bet live. Olympia Theatre, Dame Street (00 3531 677 7744). Tonight, 11pm; £9.50.

LINCOLN The Blues Band, The Yardbirds Paul Jones's lively crew head up a blues double-bill. Lincoln Castle Castle Hill (01522 5230001.

Tonight, 7.15pm; £12. ROTHERHAM Rotherham Folk and Jazz Festival Eliza Carthy and Nancy Kerr, Jeff Warner, Tony Capstick, Kate Green Band and more. Music Marquee. Herringthorpe Playing Fields. (01709 823600). Today,

1-5pm; phone for prices.

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JAZZ

■ LONDON Gary Crosby's Nu Troop Art Blakey-style aggregation of young London iazz talent, led by the former Jazz Warriors and Jazz Jamaica. The Bull. High Street, Barnet (0181-449 0048). Tomorrow, 8pm;

E6, concs £4. Lorna Luft Judy Garland's daughter. a star of many Broadway musicals, here singing Bacharach, Sondheim, Coward and Berlin. Cafe Royal, Regent Street (0171-437

9090). Tonight, 8pm; £25. Claire Martin Quintet Urbane Bril-jazz songstress with planist Gareth Williams, bassist Arnie Somogyi and drummer Clark Tracey. 606 Club. Lots Road, SW10 (0171-352

5953). Tomorrow, 9.30pm; £4.

Bob Ostertag and Phil Minton American composer and improviser with a keen interest in electronics and sampling, here playing his solo piece Burns Like Fire

The Mall, SWI (0171-930 3647). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £7.

before duetting with British freeform vocalist Minton.

The Runners Fusing Latin, worldbear and Celtic folk sources. Jazz Cafe, Parkway, NWI (0171-344 0044). Tomorrow, 7pm; £8, adv £7.

Paul Rutherford Venerated trombonist assembles saxophonists Lol Coxhill and Alan Tomlinson, boogie-edged pianist Howard Riley and guitarist John Russell. Vortex: Street, N16 (0171-254 6516). Tomorrow, 8pm; £4.

Scott Stroman, Jacqui Dankworth Four semi-staged jazz operas by Scon Stroman. Stravinsky, Michael Daugherty and Benjamin Britten, featuring trombonist Stroman and quirky cabaret singer Jacqui Dankworth. Purcell Room. South Bank Centre, SEI

Tales and Fables with

REGIONAL DONCASTER Gypsy with a Song with

the Gypsy Jazz Trio Musical biography of Django Reinhardt featuring violinist Victor Hickman and multi-reedist Frank Brooker, bassist Nigel Thompson and Paul Hares and Tony Wright, guitars. Little Theatre. King Street (01302-340422). Tonight, 7.30pm: £5.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

WARREN VACHE The swing tradition is safe in the hands of Warren Vaché, the exuberant American cornet player who begins a national tour tonight. A former Benny Goodman sideman, his accomplishments include teaching Richard Gere to play cornet for his role in the Francis Ford Coppola film. The Cotton Club.
CLIVE DAVIS

James Moir Hall, Mitchell Theatre. Granville Street, Glasgow (0141-287 5511). Tonight, 8pm.

ROTHERHAM

Don Lusber's Best of

British Jazz Big Band Veteran Kiwi trombonist Lusher leads this trad and mainstream session with trumpeter Kenny Baker, saxophonists Alan Barnes and Roy Wilcox, pianist Ronnie Price and singer Sheila Southern. Other acts in the Rotherham Jazz and Folk Festival include Tommy Burton's Sporting House Quartet, the Blue Rhythm Band and the Kid Boyd Jazz Band. Music Marquee, Herring-thorpe Playing Fields, (01709 323600). Tomorrow, 7.45pm; £3, concs £2; Rotherhom Jazz Festival, (01709 823641). Today, tomorrow, 1-10pm; phone for

DANCE

details.

7.30pm; £7.

LONDON Bimba Dance Company: Penmai (Tu Be a Woman) Traditional and contemporary South Asian dance merge as Bimba explore a love struggle between a wife and mistress. Watermons Arts Centre. High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176). Tomorrow,

Buoy*O*Lux An interesting venue, bridging the internal and external, becomes the site for a performance and ' installation staged by the Earthworks Collective. Trinity Buoy Whorf. Orchard Place, Leamouth E14 (0181-286 5700). Today, tomorrow. Zpm: free. please book in advance.

The Five Andrews: Un Citron Andalou Flamboyant and colourful performance featuring ritualistic activities such as lemon cutting. Trinity Buoy Whorf. Orchard Place, Leamouth, E14 (0181-286 5700). Tomorrow, 4.50pm; free.

The Five Andrews: Vessel

in a dance and text-based performance. Trinity Buoy Wharf, Orchard Place, Leamouth, E14 (0181-286 5700). Tonight, 8.30pm; free.

CRITIC'S CHOICE GLASGOW LORD OF THE DANCE The Michael Flatley jugger naut roars on. The critics may have carped, but Flatley's Celtic dance extravaganza picks up where Riverdance left off. Plenty of great dancing and punchy rock show production values to keep the faithful happy.

DEBRA CRAINE Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, (0141-248 9999). Today 2.30pm and Spm; £23-£26.

Flamenco Express Feisty dance troupe demonstrating the art of the Andalucian gypsies. Brixton Shaw Theatre, The Brix. Brixton Hill, opposite the Fridge, SW2 (0171-274 6470). Tonight, 8pm; £7, cones £5.

In. Side. Out ... Site-specific dance about three women looking to belong in the world. Trinity Buoy Wharf, Orchard Place, Leamouth El4 (0181-286 5700). Today. 3.40pm, tomorrow, 3.40pm and 5pm; free.

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago: Billboards The celebrated American dance company's latest works featuring music hits by Prince. Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 424Z). Tonight 3pm and 8pm, tomorrow, 8pm; E10-E30.

Struzu Leslie: In Our Partially improvised dance work originating from a group project for gay men. Trinity Buoy Whorf. Orchard Place, Leamouth, E14 (0181-286 5700). Tonight, 8.30pm, tomorrow.



London: Flamenco Express at the Brixton Shaw Theatre

REGIONAL

BIRKENHEAD Invisible Cities British premiere of Italian Teatro Potlach's site-specific performance piece highlighting various areas of this part of Merseyside. Marpeth Docks, Offshore Road (0151-666 5023). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm; £6.50, concs £3.50 (with ferry crossing), £5.50,

BOOKS

LONDON A.C. Jacobs Reading a collection of poems and translations. Torriano Meeting House, Torriano Avenue, NW5 (0171-267 2751). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £2, concs £1.

Jean Vanier A discussion on mental disability. St Martin-in-the-Fields. Trafalgar Square, WCZ (0171-723 5104). Tomorrow, 6.30pm; phone for details.

REGIONAL EDINBURGH The Edinburgh Literary Pub Tour

Zany theatrical tour led by professional actors. The Beehive Inn. The Grassmarket (0131-554 0777). Tonight, 6pm, tomorrow. Ipm and 6pm; E6, cones E5.

FAIRS

■ LONDON British Music Fair Pick up a bargain at the musical instrument fest. Earls Court Exhibition Centre. Warwick Road, SW5 (0171-373 8141). Today, 10am-6pm; £10, concs in adv.

Heritage Antiques Fair Jewellery, glass, enamels, silver, prints, paintings and ceramics on offer. London Marriot Hotel, Grosvenor Square, WI (0171-493 1232). Tomorrow, Ham-5pm; phone for details.

Latin American Film Festival Information, /arious venues, WI (0171-434 3357). Today, tomorrow. times vary; phone for

Mind-Body-Spirit Festival Experience a stress-free weekend of spiritual development. Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, N22 (0191-365 2121). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-7.30pm; £3.

REGIONAL BOURNEMOUTH Hot Ice Show Flamboyanı ice extravaganza. Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (01202 297297). Today, 2.30pm and 8pm; £14-£5.

CHESTER Jitterbugs Festival of contemporary automata, featuring lechno toys, interactive sculpture and all things that move. Grosvenor Museum. Grosvenor Street (01244 402017). Today, 10.30am-5pm, tomorrow. 2-5pm; free.

DERBYSHIRE Wirksworth Festival Art and Architecture Trail Journey through a path to discover the work of more than 40 artists. Wirksworth Festival Trail Information. Various venues.

Today, tomorrow, 10am-6.30pm; phone for details.

DUBLIN Antiques and Collectables Wide display of silver, glass, jewellery and decorative items on offer. Newman House, St Stephen's Green (00) 3531 670 8295). Tomorrow. llam-ópm; El. accompanied children free.

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FARNBOROUGH Farmborough Air Show Dynamic air displays featuring the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Red Arrows and Concorde. Farnborough Aerodrome, (0541 55199) tomorrow, 9.30am-6pm; £13-E19, child free.



Farnborough: air displays and aerobatics

GLASGOW Glasgow International Festival of Design The work of many prominent designers. Various venues (0141-204 4411). Today, tomorrow, times vary; phone for details.

LUTON Lutun Show '96 Outdoor music, falconry. gymnastics and gun dog display. Stockwood Country Pork. (01582 746718). Opens today, midday-6pm, ends tomorrow, 10am-opm: admission free-E3.

MARKET BOSWORTH 1485 Battle of Bosworth

Field Relive the famous battle and enjoy morris dancing. Bosworth Battlefield. (01455 290429). Tomorrow. Ipm: £4. concs £2. children under five free.

MONAGHAN Harvest Time Monaghan Jazz and Blues Festival Experience the sounds of this annual festival. (00 353 47-81122). Tonight. tomorrow, (Hillgrove Hotel) 10pm; E6-E15.

SOUTHSEA Multi-Cultural Festival A celebration of the multiultural community around Southsea. Castle Fields. (01705 833194). Tomorrow. lOam-5.30pm; free

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GOING OUT

GALLERIES

■ LONDON Tacita Dean: Foley Artist Former Slade School of Art artist uses multi-track narratives to investigate sound in film. Tate Gallery, Millbank, SWI (0171-887 8000). Today, 10am-5.50pm, 10morrow, 2-5.50pm; admission free.

Gravitas Platon and Peter Sanderson collaborate to montage text and fashion images, using innovaove frames and state-ofthe-art prinong techniques. Hamiltons Gallery, Carlos Place, WI (0171-499 9493]. Today. 10am-6pm; free.

Imagined Communities Touring group explores the concept of community in today's techno culture. Festival Hall Galleries. South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-928 8800). Opens today. tomorrow, loam-lopm; free.

BP Portrait Award Established annual open submission show of portraiture. National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place. WC2 (0171-306 0055). Today, 10am-6pm, tomurrow, midday-6pm; free.

Jack Piersoa Hip Stateside artist exhibits new installation-based sculpture and photography. While Cube, Duke Street, SWI (0171-930) 5373). Today, midday-6pm; admission free.

■ REGIONAL

DURHAM Bill Viola

The master of the video spectacular shows a projection exploring underwater desires.

Durham Cathedral. Palace Green (0191-384 3720/386 4266). Opens today. 9.45am-4.45pm; free.

EDINBURGH Callum Innes Series of abstract paintings. Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Inverleith Row (013)-552 7171). Today, tomorrow, 10am-5pm:

GLASGOW Craigie Aitchison First solo show to celebrate the artist's 80th birthday. Gallery of Modern Art. Queen Street (0141-331 1854). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 11am-5pm; free.

CRITIC'S CHOICE THOMAS WORLIDGE

conjure with outside Bath. Worlidge (1700-1766) has never

Not perhaps much of a name to

had a one-man show there until aow, and has consequently been remembered principally as a more than usually eccentric ornament to Bath society in its heyday. From this show it emerges that, in the intervals of marrying three times and fathering 32 children, as well as eating and drinking "recklessly", he had time to produce a considerable body of paiating and printmaking which is good as well as odd. His society portraits are unusually robust, but the most interesting part is the aumerous etchings he made witnessing a lotal adulation of Rembrandt For his self-portrait he even dressed himself as Rembrandt. A weird but ultimately wonderful apostle among the 18th-century Britons. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Victoria Art Gallery, Pultenay Bridge, Bath (01225



477772). Today, 10am-5pm; free. Critic's Choice: Thomas Worlidge's self-portrait (detail), on show at the Victoria Art Gallery, Bath

COMING SOON

IONDON From Sep 9 Sunset Boulevard Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical gets a new lease of life when American actress and singer Rita Moreno takes over the role of Norma Desmond at the Adelphi Theatre for an eight-week season. The current Norma, Petula Clark, returns to the role in November. Box office: 0171-344

Sep 12-Oct 26 Ashes to Ashes Harold Pinter's latest, starring Lindsay Duncan and Stephen Rea, inaugurates the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs temporary tenure at the Ambassadors Theatre in the West End. Meanwhile, the Theatre Downstairs moves to the Duke of York's, opening with a revival of Jez Butterworth's Sloane Square hit, Mojo, from October 10. Box office: 0171-730 1745/2554.

Sep 14 BBC Proms in the Park Simultaneous broadcast of the Last Night of the Proms from the Albert Hall to Hyde Park on giant screens. Unreserved picnic style tickets available from 0171-413

From Sep 17 Uncie Vanya Bill Bryden's Chichester Festival Theatre production transfers to the Albery Theatre, with a cast that includes Frances Barber. Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve. Derek Jacobi. Imogen Stubbs and Peggy Mount, Box Office: 0171-369 1730.

From Oct 15 Smokey Joe's Café Broadway musical revue featuring the songs of Leiber and Stoller comes to London's Prince of Wales Theatre. Box office: 0171-839

Sep 22-Oct 5 Windsor Festival Appearances by Evelyn Glennie, Nikolai Demidenko, Gillian Wier and others. Box office: 0171-341 4441.

■ REGIONAL LEICESTER Nov 8-Dec 7 Sweeney Todd Paul Kerryson directs a new production of Sondheim's macabre musical thriller at Leicester Haymarket Theatre. Box office: 0116-253 9797.



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CLASSICAL

LONDON Anne Sofie von Ouer The Wigmore season begins this evening with a collection of works by Alfven. Sibelius, Grieg and Schubert. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street. WI (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm;

BBC National Orchestra Performing Stravinsky's Petrushka and Falla's El amor bruio. Albert Hall. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tomorrow. 7.30pm; £4-£18.

Rayal Philharmanic Concert Orchestra/Black Feisty line-up of favourite performers featuring all the crowd-pleasing popular classics. Kenwood.

Hampstead Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443). Tonight, 7.30pm; £13 and £16, concs

Rotterdam Philharmanic/Gergiev Debussy's evocative La Mer and Prokofiev's Sixth Symphony. Albert Hall. Kensington Gore, SW7 (017)-589 8212]. Tonight, 8pm;

REGIONAL BIRMINGHAM

Cbicaga Sympbony Orchestra/Bareaboim Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, plus Elgar's symphonic study. Falstuff. Symphony Hall.



Daniel Barenboim conducts in Birmingham

Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tomorrow, 8pm; £5-

CRITIC'S CHOICE **BALTIC BONANZA**

Any festival that starts with a "creation ritual for shaman drum and didgeridoo" deserves a closer look. So welcome to the week-long Vale of Glamorgan Festival, which starts today and spotlights the fascinating aew musical styles of the Baltic states. We know of Arvo Part, but what of his Estonian compatriol Urmas Sisask (the gentleman with the penchant for the shaman drum), ar the dozen other composers featured in this remarkable festival? Per-

formers from Britain and the Baltic states will be lifting the veil, in venues across Glamorgan. RICHARD MORRISON Vale of Glamorgan Festival.

Festival Box Office, St Donats Arts Centre, Llantwit Major (01446 794848)

THEATRE LONDON

By Jecves Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WI (0171-836 5122). Tonight, 7.45pm; mat. 3pm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN

All is grey, angular and forbidding in the rural outback that Richard Eyre and his designer. Antony Ward, have recreated for Ibsen's last important play. But it is a gripping evening, thanks to as powerful a cast as may be found anywhere in London: Paul Scofield as the disgraced financier restlessly baunting his own past; Eileen Atkins as a wife angry and embistered ta the very soul; Vanessa Redgrave as her twin sister, come to steal ber son from her. The heat generated is

extraordinary.
Beneoict Nightingale Lyttelton, National South Bank (0171-928 2252). Tanight, 7.30pm; mat

Sat, 2.15pm. A Midsummer Night's

Dream Adrian Noble's much travelled production now recast and in Loadon for five weeks before another national and world tour. Barbican. Silk Street. ECZ (0171-638 8891). In preview today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

They Shoot Horses Don't

BAGNOR

company.

7.30pm.

Smith.

7_30pm.

COVENTRY

Our Day Out

don't want to go.

Belgrade.

Repertory.

Watermill.

Bluebeard's Castle

Last of four performances.

performed by a Japanese

(01635 46044). Tonight,

Co-production with the

National Theatre, where it

Alexander sets his production

transfers in October. Bill

in a superstitious, post-

apocalyptic future. With Simon Callow, Josie

Centenary Square (0121-

Willy Russell's revised

Belgrade Square (01203

553055). Tonight, Spm.

version of his bittersweet

comedy of a school outing

that takes the kids where they

236 4455). In preview tonight,

Lawrence and Tim Pigott-

BIRMINGHAM

The Alchemist

inspired by the Bartok opera.

The National Youth **LONDON** Theatre's annual season The Magie Flute opens with the stage version of Horace McCoy's searing novel describing the dance marathons of the American Depression. The theatre is turned into a dance hall. Edward Wilson directs. 7.15pm; £7-£15.

Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WCI (0171-The Magic Flote 388 8822). Tonight, 7.45pm; ■ REGIONAL

Factory. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow,

CRITIC'S CHOICE THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

national companies to get the new seasoa underway, with Caroline Gawn's lively production of Mozart's comedy, sung in Amanda Holden's perky translatioa by a fresh youag cast - Janis Kelly, Mary Hegarty. Ann Taylor, Roderick Williams and Richard Whitehouse, with Andrew Shore's crusty old Dr Bartolo to relish as well. Paul Goodwin conducts.

REGIONAL

BASINGSTOKE

Kent Police Choir Concert

NORFOLK

CANTERBURY

Pilgrimage, Walsingham Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster and the Right Reverend Peter Smith. Bishop of East Anglia, will lead a pilgrimage of Our Lady of Walsingham. Beginning at 11.30am, the day includes a Rosary meditation at the



Shrine, followed by Mass and then a pilgrimage to the Priory Ground for Prayers and Benediction. Parish groups are

welcome. Further details can be obtained from the Director, The Pilgrim Bureau, Friday Market, Little Walsingham, Norfolk (01328 820217).

FILM

Films in London and (where indicated with the mbol •) on release across the country

■ NEW RELEASES. Beaumarchais (15)

Pleasant costume drama about the wily French author of The Marriage of Figaro. Director, Edouard Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) Richmond (0181-332 0030) Virgin Chelsea (0171-352 5096)

◆ Diabolique (18) Foolish remake of Les Diaboliques, with Sharon Stone and Isabeile Adjani as the women plotting a male brute's murder. UCI Whiteleys (5) 10990 888990| Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Trocadero (0171-434 0031) Warner West End (017)-437 4343)

CRITIC'S CHOICE

FALLEN ANGELS (15) Looely lives collide in Hong Koog, a city of perpetual neon as filmed by Wong Kar-Wai, the cult director of Chungking Express. The images often rush by so fast that you fear for your eyes' safety. Rapid editing fractures the simplest shots; scenes lurch between moody melodrama, brazen farce, and existential screams. Is this the cinema of the future? GEOFF BROWN

Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) ICA (0171-930 3647) Renoir (0171-837

Hollow Reed (15) Uneven British drama about child abuse, with Martin Donovan, Joely Richardson and Sam Bould. Director, Angela Pope. Odeons: Haymarket (01426-915 353) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

◆ Mulholland Falls (15) Handsome but muted mystery thriller, set in 1950s Los Angeles, with Nick Notte and John Malkovich. Director, Lee Tamahori. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Notting Hill Coronet (2) 10171 727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) UCT Whiteleys (10990) 888990) Virgins: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Warner (0171-437 4343)

The Promise (15) A love story divided by the Berlin Wall. Dullish, worthy **CURRENT**

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◆ Eraser (18) Dishevelled Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle. Director, Charles Russell. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Odeon Kensington (01426) 914666) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370) 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 (017) Trocadero (5) 434 0031) Warner ((0171-437

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Westonbirt Gardeas, Vestoabirt School, ar Tetbury

Westonbirt's internationally famous arboretum is well known to garden enthusiasts. but not so many know of the grand gardens that lie-across the main Tetbury to Cirencester road, beyond the ornate pair of lodges that give a flavour of what to expect.

The house was built by Lewis Vulliamy between 1964 and 1971, for the millionaire R.S. Holford. Since then the house has become a school. and tomorrow is one of the rare opportunities during the year to visit the gardens. which cover more than 20 acres. Here is Victorian Italianate gardening on an impressive scale. The Italian garden to the east of the house has gazebos and other buildings that match the riches of the house's decoration. Rare conifers and other specimens such as the sumach have attained splendid size, and the visitor is immediately aware that the trees are grouped and posiconed with immense skill as is also the hallmark of the aboretum. 3.5m south of Tetbury off

GARDENS

Nick Nalte in

Mulholland Falls

Stealing Beauty (15)

Bertolucci film about an

Chelsea (0171-351 3742)

(0171-498 3323) Curzon

Mayfair (0171-369 1720)

(017)-836 0691) Phoenix

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Clapham Picture House

Anierican teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany... Barbican (3) (0171-638 8891)

Gate (0171-727 4043) Lumiere

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Light and enjoyable

EAST SUSSEX Merriments Garden, Hawkburst Road, Hurst Green

The nursery at Merriments was a thriving enterprise be-fore the garden was begun in 1991, on an adjacent field with discouragingly heavy clay soil. Today, generous mulching has tempered the clay and it is hard to believe that the four-acre garden is only a few years old, such is the level of establishment and quantity of outstanding, often rare, plants

to be discovered. The garden is arranged as a series of flowing island beds with broad grass paths and areas of lawn between. Towards the top is the most impressive new addition, the Monet garden, with symmetrical borders on either side of a broad gravel path beneath an altee of blue-painted hoops à la Giverny. In these borders, at this time of year, annuals including pink and white cleomes, the annual grass Hordeum jubatum, sunflowers and rudbeckias, are espeA433 (01666 880242). Open tomorrow for Naoonal Garden Scheme, 2pm-5.30pm; £1.50, children 25p.

SCOTLAND
Castle of Mey, Caithness
The editors of The Good Gardens Guide may be somewhat over-zealous in their loyalty to the Crown by awarding the Queen Mother's garden a coveted two stars (one of only 15 in the Scottish section). Nonetheless, the most northerly castle in Britain, purchased by the Queen Mother in 1954 after the death

of her husband, King George VI, does have its own magic. Approached down a long avenue of gnarled, wind-battered sycamores, the castle, built of local sandstone, looks oul north across the Pentland Firth only a couple of hundred yards away to the Orkneys. A greal stone wall extends away from the seaward side of the castle to give protection, and the main garden is a square enclosure surrounded by high walls on all sides. As the castle is in small scale, the garden is similarly proportional. The near pattern of rectangular beds divided by paths is given delightful intimacy by the network of clipped mixed hedges in which hardy fuchsias testify to the mild climate, In one corner, beside a delightful battlemented lower, stands a small conservatory filled with a brilliant summer discially good. Elsewhere in the play of annuals.

Ruth Gledhill says Amen to a female-led service for Catholic priests



THE LAST thing I expected, attending a conference of the all-male Roman Catholic priesthood, was to experience a Catholic "liturgy" led by a woman. Yet lay woman Joanne Boyce, a talented

musician and songwriter, was such a hit with the 80 priests when she led their worship last year that they voted unanimously to invite her back. Al the conference this week in

Birmingham the priests were discussing issues such as declining morale among their fellow men, falling numbers of vocations and why there is a steady trickle of young priests who forsake their calling within a few years of ordination, many leaving to get married. The majority of Catholics here are not as vocal as the laity in France where hundreds are seeking to be "unbaptised" in protest at the Vatican's refusal to compromise on issues such as married priests, the ordination of women and contracepoon. But during the hour-long liturgy i sensed an undercurrent of support for some such changes which many believe are essential if the Catholic church is to thrive into the next

I had never before experienced such a millennium. role reversal in worship, and there was perhing moving about being seated

had prepared especially for the

A woman with mass appeal

Apart from the Lord's Prayer and the final hymn, the latter composed by Joanne, we remained seated throughout. The altar was spotlit before us. but as dusk settled we sat amid an encircling gloom, creating an atmosphere of spirituality and romance reminiscent of Newman's own hymn, Lead Kindly

Our surroundings were quickly forgotten as Joanne opened our service with a prayer: "Give us this night untroubled rest and build our strength anew: your

★ A five-star guide ★

AT YOUR SERVICE

LITURGY LEADER: Joanne Boyce ARCHITECTURE: Although modem and with linoleum tiles, St Mary's chapel somehow works as an uplifting place of worship. ** SERMON: none as such, although Joanne interjected with helpful thoughts, such as inviting us to reflect

on our attachment to worldly things. MUSIC: modern spiritualist-style worship songs, well as the Magnifical lo a setting by Joanne. *** LITURGY: songs, readings and silence. The hour flew by. *** SPIRITUAL HIGH:

splendour driving far away all darkness of the foe." She then announced a moment of calm before leading us in an Argentinian song of praise: "Santo, Santo, Santo, Mi corazon teadora." The reading was highly educative. "It

is easier for a carnel to pass through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven," we heard. As a child I had always assumed that line did not apply to me because I would grow up to be a wootan. At this back-tofront service, those words began for the first time to assume their intended significance.

Joanne reflected then on the many attachments we have which come between us and God. 'There are so many things to choose from. Let us reflect for a few moments on what these things are and pray for the strength to surrender them." We reflected as bidden. No doubt some of us could have stayed there all night but it was soon time for intercessions.

We were invited by Joanne to pray oul loud, ar in the silence of our hearts. In the silence, we suddenly heard the deep, lone voice of a priest speaking up from the depths of the chapel. "We pray for all those who have not felt able to continue in active ministry as ordained priests," he said, "that they may find other ways of serving Jesus for his kingdom."

OPERA

Stuart Maunder directs this version of Mozart's comedy, produced by the British Youth Opera. Wimbledon Theatre. The Broadway, SW19 (0181-540 0362). Tonight,

David Freeman directs this production by Opera

7.15pm; £12-£30. REGIONAL

Opera North is the first of the RODNEY MILNES

Theatre RayaL St Leonard's Place, York (01904 623568). Today. 7.30pm; £8-E32.

RELIGION

All day flower festival at Mapledurwell and a concert given by the Wessex Chamber Choir. Led and directed by organist Nicholas Wood, the concert with be a mixture of church and light music. Church of St Mary the Virgin, (01256 464435). Today, 7.45pm.

A choir concert will be given by the Kent Police Choir in aid of the Kent Association for the Canterbury Cathedral. (01227 762862). Today, 7.30pm.

The Dowery of Mary



Buzzards soar away from the valleys

Feather Report

BUZZARDS are three feet long, but they have an eye as large as a human being's. With that formidable ocular power, they can detect faint muvements in the grass far below them as they soar above a valley. They are magnificent dark brown birds circling in the sky with motionless wings for loog periods. They hold their wings horizontal, with the tips slightly upen, and they look like giant muths, with the head only slightly breaking the line of the wings in front. Their mewing calls can be heard from a long way away. Buzzards were once found across most of this country,

but nowadays it is io the

western valleys that they have

their stronghulds. They need woods to nest in, and open

Most buzzards are seen in the west

land to forage over. Much of

central England would suit

them, and no one really

knows why, as gamekeepers

have departed, the huzzards

have not come back. They

feed mainly by swooping down un careless rabbits and

voles, and will also eat dead

laoibs. They are no threat to any human interest.

to see a buzzard over on the

east side of Britain. They do

not migrate, but young birds

CATS

This is the best time of year

valleys, and continental birds migrating south sometimes come along our coast. In eastern Europe there is a substantial migration, with the buzzards gaining height by climbing on warm currents of air, and then gliding south until they meet another one. It would be hard to mistake a buzzard for any other common British bird, but two other kinds of buzzard are

occasionally met with here. A few pairs of honey buzzards nest in woods in central and southern England, but their whereabouts are kept so secret by local birdwatching groups that even the larger bird organisations sometimes do not know where they are. They are not easy to distinguish from ordinary buzzards in the air, though

they have longer, narrower wings. They have the re-markable habit of eating the larvae of wasps, which they dig out of nests. The other buz-

zard is the roughlegged buzzard, so named because its feathers come down to its toes. It too is very like the common buzzard, but can be distinguished from below by its mainly white tail. The rough-

legged buzzard is a winter visitor, and in some years large numbers are reported, on or near the east coast.

DERWENT MAY • What's about Birders - look and listen for meadow pipits returning from their upland hreeding areas. Twitchers — adult lesser grey shrike, Burnham Overy, Norfolk: tawny pipit. Portland, Dorset: ortolan bunting. Rame, Cornwall. Details from Birdline 0891 700222. Calls cost 40p a min cheap rate, 50p at other times.

Rabbits come in from the cold



Jack Crossley on the campaign to get us to bring these intelligent animals indoors

f you were asked to name a pet which is bright, inquisitive, affectionate, intelligent, a joy to watch and touch and be with, would your first answer be rabbit? Probably not, but there is a new group campaigning to persuade us to keep rabbits in our homes.

As recently as the start of this year, the Brirish House Rabbit Association had only 20 members, but at the last count there were 190 and more than 2,000 others have asked for membership forms and information packs.

Linda Dykes, president of the BHRA, says: "We want to raise the status of the rabbit in Britain and dispel the idea that rabbits are either children's pets or dinner. Keeping rabbits indoors is nothing new in other countries, but the British public does not realise that not only is it easy to keep a rabbit indoors, but that the animal receives a better life.

"We want to raise the pet rabbit to equal status with dogs and cats and aim to improve the quality of life for all domestic rabbits. No one would contemplate locking up a dog alone in a small cage for its entire life, so why is this acceptable for rabbits?"

But is it difficult to keep the animals indoors? According to Helen Flack of the BHRA, rabbits are easy to house train. "They are clean animals and learn to use a litter tray quickly. If your rabbit makes early mistakes, encourage it to use the litter tray by removing its pellets from wherever they have been deposited, and putting them in the tray. If urinating in the wrong place is a problem, just shout 'no' and stamp your foot. Rabbits stamp their feet as a warning in the wild and they soon get the message if you do it. We recommend wood or paper-based litter in the tray, along with a handful of hay." The BHRA can provide a reprint of A Rabbit in the House, an article supplied by the House Rabbit Society USA.

With commendable frankness, it tells you what lovable animals they are, and ends with a section entitled "Destructive Chewing".

The authors, Amy Shapiro and Nancy LaRoche, report: "Caring for a rabbit means getting to know him/her, a process that takes time and patience. Rabbits respond to love and attention. Isolated rabbits become bored and withdrawn.

Choose a rabbit as you would choose any other friend, not by his appearance, but by who is underneath his floppy ears. Sit quietly and give the rabbit a chance to show you his unique personality."

You are advised not to adopt a rabbit under one year old. Shapiro and LaRoche warn that a precious little ball of fur may suddenly become the burny from hell as hormones begin making themselves felt. A hissing, nipping and apparently furious little beast now inhabits that soft furry body. You may be subjected to golden showers sprayed on you, your children and your furniture as bunny experiences the powerful urges of sexual maturity."

And there's more: rabbits are not for small children as they don't like noisy brats. They don't always like each other much. Two males will rarely become friends, but two females or a neutured male and spayed female can be persuaded to get along.

Back to destructive chewing: "Rabbits love to chew. It is as natural for them as digging, hopping, sniffing and being adorable. One of the greatest household dangers is electrical cords. Most rabbits find them irresistible. Unless you want to switch to a battery-operated house, you will need to do some rabbit proofing,"

The advice is to use heavy plastic cord-cover and provide plenty of chewing objects, such as plain untreated wood, straw and hay. "A cardboard or wooden box makes a delectable. inexpensive 'edible' house."

If you already have a house rabbit, Sue Hunter would like to hear from you. She is working on a book as part of her master of science course in companion animal behaviour at the University of Southampton.

Sue's 11-year-old daughter. Erin. has a smoky pearl Netherland Dwarf rabbit, called Fluffy. "He was easy to house train and now has his own room. He has made a fuss over my daughter and her friends and likes to play board games with them. A rabbit is an intelligent creature. As intelli-gent as a dog: much more so than a cat. I want to give something back to pet rabbits."

• Far more information about house rabbits send an SAE to Sue Hunter, 22 Strawberry Fields, Hedge End. Southampton, Hampshire S030 4QY.

● Far a copy of A Rabbit in the House and pamplets on house rabbits send an SAE ta the BHRA. I56 Wingrove Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE4 9BX.

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Felix's rivals

SALES OF Felix in the £600 million-a-year market are now just a whisker ahead of Whiskas, thanks to the commercials featuring a mischievous black and white moggy. The current ad only lasts for 20 seconds, but it cost Spillers El 2 million, and artist Richard Purdum spent 375 hours masterminding the drawing of 1,000 separate images of Felix. Now Whiskas is plaining to fight back in the cat food wars with a new "more fluffy, cuddly image".

Mane event

A PLAN to beat horse thieves is under way with the establishment of Horsewatch groups around the country. They recommend freezemarking your horse with identification letters and numbers. This involves using

a chiller (rather than a painful branding iron) to kill pigment in hair so that when it grows back the treated area is white. (Marked skin can be left bald on white-haired animals.) The Metropolitan police has set up a computerised pictorial database. Anyone who has had a horse or pony stolen should contact the Equine Crime Prevention

Bear necessity

appealing for teddy bears. They want them as "surrogate the Animal Line, says his orphans find it difficult to an experiment he tried introducing them to a teddy

Unit on 0171-230 4462 to update records with photographs and markings.

AN ANIMAL sanctuary is

mothers" for orphaned ducks. Peter Wakeham, manager of settle when they arrive at his sanctuary in West Sussex. As



Freeze-marking a horse on its shoulder may deter thieves

bear. Instant success -- but there is a lot of wear and tear involved in giving mother love to a brood of ducklings. If you have a teddy bear to spare, why not send it to Animal Line, The Lodge, Broadhurst Manor, Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 7BG. Teacher's pet

PETS ARE increasingly becoming a study subject on

the school curriculum. If you are involved in bringing pets into the classroom or want more information, there is a 36-page fact-pack (£2.50) plus a pets year-planner and other aids as well as The Good Curriculum Guide (all free), available from the Pedigree Pet Foods Education Centre, PO Box 77, Swadlincote, Derbyshire DEII 7BR.

What's up, doc?

EVERY DOG and cat lover should have a copy of Dog Doctor and Cat Doctor by Mark Evans. The books focus on giving you the necessary information to understand your pets' behaviour and appearance, so enabling you to recognise when they need medical attention. Published by Mitchell Beazley on September 16, price £10.99.

That's no rat

SEAGULLS as pets? Not easy. But some folk manage to grow fond of what others call the rats of the sky.

Kirsty Witts became a surrogate mother to an abandoned baby seagull, which she named Spot. It was handed over to the RSPCA in Plymouth where she works. Kirsty took the gull home to nurse it and teach it to fly. Now the fearsome-beaked creature has been released but Kirsty hopes to meet it occasionally. Holidaymakers think she has lost her dog

Their



Who wants a pet seagull?

when, bemused, they see her staring into the sky calling out Spot, Spot, come on Spot". Helga Medlen has a pet seagull at Polperro, Cornwall. It flies wild all day, but returns each day demanding food by pecking at the Medlens's cat flap. Helga's resident pet - a generously proportioned ginger 10m called Spotty — sits and watches the performance and, wisely, does not interfere.

JACK CROSSLEY

Goodness, gracious, great balls of fur A Vet Writes...

CATS ARE fastidious creatures. They spend hours washing and grooming themselves, swallowing quantities of their hair in the process, which subsequently turns into furballs.

They can deal with some types of solid, indigestible material, of course. Hunting cats eat feathers, bones, rabbit and mice skins. Their digestive enzymes sort things out, so unwanted material pass through the cat without difficulty. But large quantities of hair poses problems. It is churned about in the stomach and tangles into a solid mass.

Many cats cure themselves by vomiting the furball, which looks like a hairy

sausage. All's well — until next time.
This vomiting is often accompanied by alarming noises; ear-splitting yowls sug-gesting unendurable agony. Ten seconds later the same cat has forgotten all about it and is purring and asking for food. Sympathetic cat-owners usually take

much longer to recover. If a furball is not ejected by vomiting, it leaves the stomach and travels into the much narrower intestine, where it can cat loses all interest in food. It is overfull already and, if it does eat, it is likely to vomit a few minutes later because there is

no room for fresh food. Hair balls can build up to a considerable size, often as big as an orange. In



extreme cases they have to be removed surgically. Most can be dealt with by encouraging them on their way with the help of a lubricant. A dose or two of liquid paraffin makes it easier. There's no substitute for liquid paraffin; it oils the bowel from one end to the other. Olive oil or cod liver oil are absorbed partway along the digestive tract and their oiling

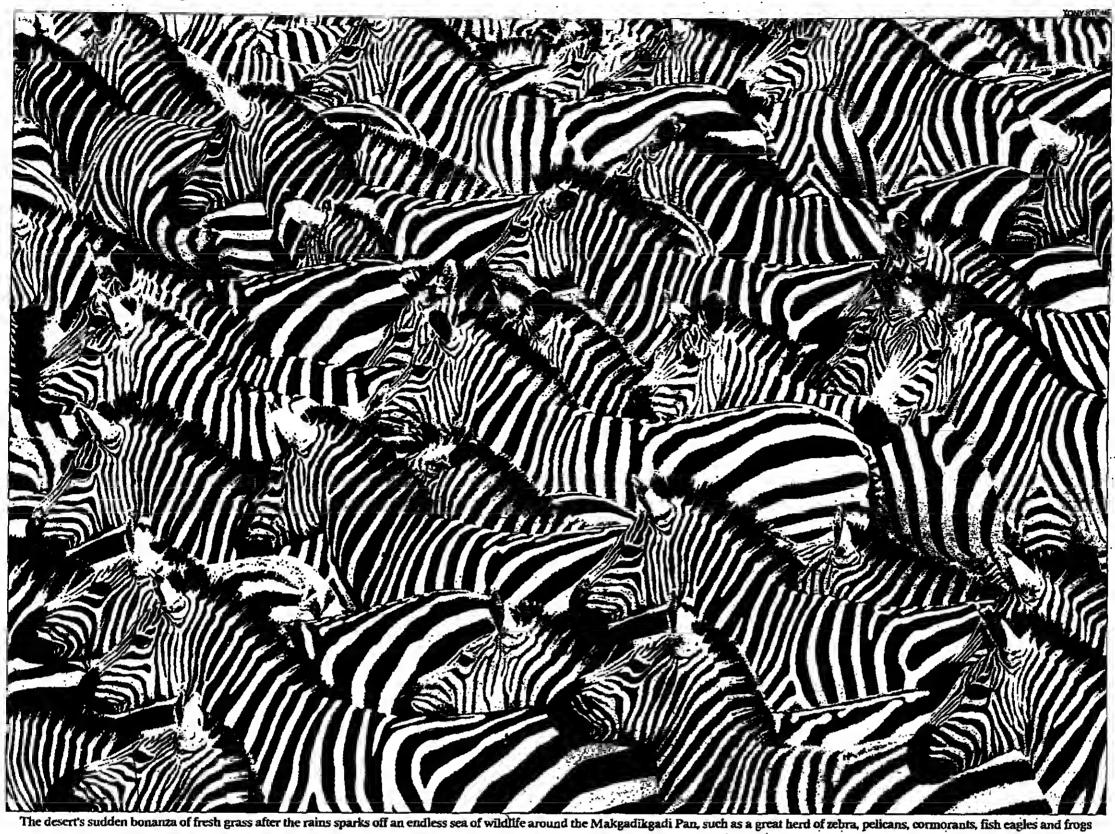
effect doesn't extend far enough. The best way to give liquid paraffin is from a small bottle or a syringe (your vet might let you have a used, sterilised one) rather than a spoon. This avoids spillage

when the cat struggles.

Better still, prevent furballs forming in the first place by combing your calvigorously. Use a steel comb and remove all the dead hair. Then the cat can't

But beware: don't blame furballs for everything. If your cat vornits a furball and isn't back to normal within a few hours, it would be wise to visit your vet. The cat may be suffering from something different, and potenoally more serious.

Elysian fields of the Kalahari



An unforgettable city of massages and mosques



SKIATHOS Greek haven where go on holiday PAGE 22

THAYEL TIPS, PAGE 23

Britain birds sing when the sun comes up. In Africa they sing when it goes down. In Britain our hearts sink when it rains. In Africa, when it rains, the spirits soar. What is true for Africa counts double, quadruple, in the Kalahari desert.

In Britain the sun vanishes fur half a year. It comes back in the spring, and it lights the green touchpaper: suddenly, life is teenting again, every-thing is feeding, breeding, singing, getting on at full speed with the business of life. But in the desert the green touchpaper is lit by the rain. When it comes.

The same equation operates on every corner of the Earth: sun plus water equals life, ft is merely that the sun and the water are everywhere mixed in different proportions. In the Kalahari, the sun is relentless. the water a precious gift.

The Kalahari is one of the

harshest environments on Earth. But as I source above it. riding pilliun on a microlight -- a hang-glider with a lawnmower engine on the back - 1 looked down over an endless sea of green, the Elysian fields of the Kalahari.

As the sun went down, the green was broken up by rangerine slashes: the setting sun reflected from a thousand ephemeral pools. You can look on this place as a desert: alternatively, you can see it as the largest ephemeral water system in the world.

Next morning at dawn I was up there again, souring over the briefly endless seas of life. We flew over a gathering of 500 zebra, brought here by the desert's sudden bonanza of fresh grass. For a while we flew with a fish cagle. A fish eagle? No fish in a desert. Ah, but there are frogs, so the bird was temporarily a frog eagle, another opportunist coming in for a feast.

You don't see frogs often in the desert. They spend most of their life in a torpor, buried and wrapped in an envelope of their own shedded skin; frogs in clingfilm. Come the rain, come the frogs.

From my teni 1 heard the croaks and clicks and rours of an ocean of frogs, because it chad rained as it had not rained for years. The best rains since 1958, I was told.

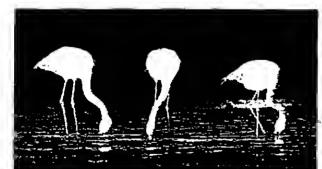
Few people, then, have seen the Kalahari as I have. Bushmen have lived here for 40,000 years; how many died

without seeing it as I did? The area I stayed in is named for the water that is Makgadikgadi Pan. 1 flew out one afternoon over the main pan. From the air, it looked like a concrete helicopter pad, magnified to megalomaniacal dimension. The exposed earth was grey, the waters were grey. Everything was grey apart from the flamingos: a vast and pink city of them. There were about one million

The contradictions of this strange season were incluctable. I thought about subjects for study: the ducks of the Kalahari: why not? I saw seven species of duck, also geese and pelicans and cormorants. Many birds were just passing through: taking advantage of the brief bonanza of the rains. Others were breeding, which is a noisy business.

There were bits of desert. echoing with birdsong as if we were in a nice garden in the Home Counties. True, not blackbirds and robins, but cisticolas and rufous-naped larks and yellow-billed hornbills and the altogether ridiculous and deafening black

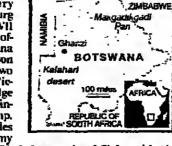
I came to the desert seeking austerity and found nothing but riches - and something to boast about: I added two new



Up to a million flamingos form a pink city at the Pan

KALAHARI FACT FILE

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Transfers to and from camp extra. ■ Climate and wildlife: the wet season, with daytime temperatures of about 30C, is from November to March. The best time for birdwatching is January to March. Animal migration is in March. Dry season daytime temperatures are 23-24C, and evenings can be chilly; this is

the better season for watching game.

■ Health: check with your GP, or with MASTA (Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad) traveller's health line (089) 224(00) for the latest information on vaccination requirements and for advice on anti-malaria precautions. .bird .species to the camp records. One was willow warbler - yes, you do get that in suburban gardens in the Home Counties. The same ones: you can hold a dozen in your cupped hands, and yet they conumute all that way

twice a year. The uther was a fan-tailed cisticola, which is not to be confused with the zitting cistocola, a bird that is some times known as the fan-tailed warbler. Cisticolas are little brown birds, and there are lots of different species and they all look exactly the same. So I was odiously puffed up about iden-Such iniracles of observa-

tion apart, the desert keeps you in your place. Most places I have stayed when chasing wildlife across Africa have been imposed on to wilderness, as it were prosthetically. Here, in Jack's Camp, there was a most possible feeling of rouls. As if it had grown there. There were human associa-tions with this place and its surroundings; you could feel it and very eerie it was, too. Parily, it is the camp itself. It was called Jack's Camp after a man who used to camp there. He ran salaris for the rich and the famous half a century back: his san, Ralph, now runs the place.

car Jack's Camp viands a tree 4,000 years old: a giant of a basbab. It is the only landmark in a flat wilderness, and it has been a gathering place for centuries. Livingstone camped there; so old every other explorer who passed this way. Chapman even carved his initials on the tree: the scar of more than a century ago is still visible. It feels more cathedral than tree. and the bushmen, not a people given to trivialising, have al-

ways treated it as such. I sat beneath its carropy at sundown with the usual aleatory collection of fellow guests you meet on such occasions. and the spell of the tree, of the place came upon us. We talked quietly of life and of death. saying things we did not commonly say. We left, much later, shaking

ourselves surreptitiously, and wondering if we were leaving or returning to real life. Above. it seemed there were more stars than there was black Dackground. Be very careful of this place.

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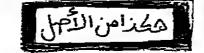
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Welcome to the selfish parents' club

JAMES MacMANUS reports on the young to total indulgence for one of the most popular tourist the grown-ups. And there is no centres in the Caribbean and shortage of people to look after from enchanting mongooses for rum punch and relax

discovers a wealth of treats — the children while you order a

he mongoose, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed and looking every inch the Rikki Tikki Tavi of Kipling's celebrated story, joined us for breakfast on most mornings of our holiday. The egg we had carefully placed on the grass outside our hotel room was examined, sniffed and rolled beneath a nearby bush. This was too much for our children aged three, five and 13. With whoops they descended on the bush to find only the shell, neatly cracked and licked clean. Of the mongoose there was never a trace - until the next morning's visit.
With deft lateral thinking.

an imperial administrator shipped mongooses from India to Barbados in the last century at the behest of a white plantocracy alarmed by the loss of labourers to snake bites. Now the snakes have gone, leaving behind a regi-ment of Rikki Tikki Tavis whose charm, it has to be said, is limited if you happen to be a Bajan chicken farmer.

We met our mongoose in the gardens of the Sandpiper Inn and it was not the only surprise about a small familyrun beachfront hotel that lies 30 minutes from the airport on the popular west coast. We had chosen Barbados for an Easter family holiday because it offered, at the end of a direct 84-hour flight from London, warm seas, safe beaches and the back up of good medical services. But, as founding members of the Selfish Parents Party, my wife and I wanted something better for ourselves than the awful food and third-rate service that often comes with "child-frien-

dly" hotels. At first glance, the

Sandpiper looked fine for selfish parents if rather less appropriate for their children. With 45 rooms and suites, it has the aura of a luxurious refuge for the rich and powerful - which is exactly what it is. The atmosphere is companionable and club-like. A wellpolished slab of teak makes a Marshall of British Airways and other corporate eagles sip properly-made rum sours (un-like the pre-mixed plastic bucket variety).

The restaurant, like the bar, is half-open to the Caribbean breeze, and has a menu that delivers barracuda, tuna, red snapper, swordfish and kingfish properly grilled and sea soned with local spices. The homemade pasta is excellent and the range of Chilean and Californian whites pricey but well chosen. Along with the Cobblers Cove, the Sandpiper provides the best hotel food on the island.

The surprise is that Wayne and Karen Capaldi, whose family owns and runs the hotel, manage to pull off the double. Young children, al-though banished from the bar and dining rooms at night, are given their own space, their own food and a generally good time. There are no chicken nuggets or fish fingers on the children's menu, the rainy-day television room beams out awful but mesmerising cartoons and there is enough room on the smallish beach for the children not to disturb stressed out executives pretending to read Proust.

CARIBBEAN

SEA

Two miles

But the island has its secrets

The English settlement sucked

in a rainbow of races - slaves

from Africa, then traders from

Syria, Lebanon and Palestine

This tapestry of living history

forms an entertaining back-

Matilda Sherr, a German beautician in her mid-forties,

whose therapeutic massages

are wondrously unwinding.

Matilda, who can be found at

her health studio at the Coral

Reef, charges £26 an hour for a massage with an endless list of

rejuvenation treatments to fol-

low. She is always booked up

but, like our mongoose, well

My own favourite find was

drop to island life.

arent heaven starts at night because reliable babysitters are readily supplied by the hotel: at £3 an hour by day, £4 at night and a nanny for an cight-hour day at the bargain price of £15. These prices are roughly similar in all major hotels. Thus liberated, we fell upon the delights of Holetown village, a few minutes walk

from the hotel. The village has a good supermarket, delicatessen. banks, a bookshop and a memorial to the first English settlers in 1627. A rum sour at Olive's and dinner next door at the Mews (or vice versa) begins an evening which can end with a 20-minute taxi ride to the three best of many seriously noisy nightclubs, the Boatyard, Harbour Lights and the Ship Inn. playing every-

thing from reggae to rock. For those with teenagers, the Sandpiper's sister hotel, the Coral Reef, or the Glitter Bay are ideal. Both are set in acres of grounds and front long beaches. The gardens of Glitter Bay can swallow six noisy children playing football and its suites - all with kitchens, sitting rooms and two balconies - are among the best on the island.

worth the wait. Barbados is a little too tame. too blandly affluent, too Ken-The author was a guest of sington-on-sea for some tastes.

Barbados is in the windward group and the most easterly of the Caribbean islands, if is a peer shaped coral island 21 miles long and 14 miles wide. The west and south coests face the Caribbean with palm-fringed sandy beaches. The Adamtic eastern coests is rugged and windy with limestone citits and rough seas. From April to October Berbados is five hours behind British time and from and rough seas. From April to October Barbados is five hours behind British time and from October to April it is four hours behind. It is sub-tropical with an average of 3,000 hours of sunshine each year. The sverage temperature is 27°C (80°F) and there is almost always a gentle sea breeze. The hundrane season runs from July to September but Barbados has not suffered a major 'hit' since 1951.

The capital is Bridgetown which lies at the south-west point of the istand. Most of the island's 280,000 inhabitants live in the capital, it is an independent country within the British Commonweelth and its perfament is the third oldest in the world. Driving is on the left and a Barbadian driving iteence must be obtained before hiring a car. It has one of the busiest cruise terminals in the world and expects to handle half a million passengers this year. Flights to Berbados from Britain take about nine hours.

The cheapest British Arways Apax flight is now £734 return and business class return faret start at £1,968. A 'flight only' fare with a charter airline such as Britannia is currently £395. be the best hotal on the island. Qu BARS / RESTAURANTS 11. La Maison 16. The Citff ATLANTIC 21. St Nicholas Abbey **OCEAN** 23. Harrison's Cave 26. Mt Gay Rum Centre WEST COAST BRIDGETOWN

SOUTH § COAST CRANE BEACH ATLANTIS Crane Beach is for lovers of wild waves, dramatic scenery and walking along empty sand. Nearby is Foul Bay, equally remote with no eating, drinking or lavatory facilities. Neither is suitable for swimming.

on an eye-popping trip to the deep where fish tilt among the coral reefs 150 feet below the waves near Bridgetown. It is comfortable and sa yet thrifting. Ideal for a family visit.

KENSINGTON OVAL Kensington Oval. The scene of feats of legendary batting and bowling, if has the names of Idola such as Hall, Sobers, Walcott, Worrel and Weekes

COBBLERS COVE

Plants flourish wildly and dramatically Visitors are encouraged to leave the paths to examine the abundance of flora, or just 'chill out' under an African Baobeb tree.

St Nicholas Abbey is not an abbey at all. Built in 1650 in Jacobean style, it is

sland and its owners have lived

through Barbados history. Well visit for the nearby views alone.

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Winter recess at Corel Perf Club stayt at £1,763 per person.

The winder prices at Coral Reef Club start at £1,763 per person for seven nights (including breakfast and dinner daily), and from £1,342 in summer fincluding meals). From July-September, there is a special child price of £528 for seven nights excluding meals. Caribtours offers an extra week free in May, August

and September.

High-season holidays at Glitter Bay Hotel for two adults and two children sharing a two-bedroom suite cost £8,198 for the whole group including breakfast and dinner. There are substantial reductions in the April-November period.

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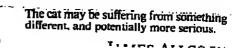
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S. Pariser (Hunter

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excellent insight to a place.

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by George Lamming (Longman, £6.50), about a

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Jean Rhys, exploring the alienation of white creole

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£5.99). And by the same

Wide Sargasso Sea by

emancipation West

Sleep it Off Lady, a

poor village boy growing up in colonial Barbados.

Friary (Lonely Planet, £10.95).

The publication Ins and Outs of Barbados is given away free in the better botels and contains up-to-date information about hotels, attractions, restaurants, bars and shopping. Other handy

... inexpensive ways to to make the most of your holiday isle visit and what's on away from the beaches

Tracking tropical bargains

B arbados is determined to avoid the problems of the appropriate the problems of the appropriate the appropria cheap mass tourism laced by many other Cari-bbean islands. With scheduled flights, including Concorde, full during the peak season the island has so far retained its allure as the most elegant and British" holiday destination

in the West Indies.

Although package holiday prices may not, on average, be as cheap as in, say, the Dominican Republic, there are still some good bargains. Most are in hotels and apartments along the

south coast, which the government is 6 Cheap attempting to bring up to ever higher packages standards. But even along the can offer more luxurious west coast to the a taste of north of Bridgetown there are the real some attractive deals on offer, island 🤊 The Escape Ho-

tel on Prospect Bay, St James, for example. offers a week's all-inclusive holiday (all meals, unlimited drinks, water sports) and flights with Virgin (01293 o17181) from £799 in the summer, rsing to £1,929 in the week before Christmas.

Escape has been refurbished and has 42 balconied rooms facing the sea, it prides itself on not being pushy, with no loudspeakers or organised games, its food, which is mainly Italian, and its beach.

For those wanting less sophisticated accommodation, and who are prepared to cater for themselves, the cheaper packages offered on the south coast can bring a taste of the

Thomson (0990 502399), for example, offers 14 nights selfcatering in the St Lawrence apartments near the lively. and noisy, St Lawrence Gap for ESIS in May, provided three people share an apart-ment. The price rises to a maximum of £1,139 for two people sharing over 21 nights in December. Flights with

Another hotel Thomson recommends is the small and friendly Pirates Inn. set back off the main road in Hastings. along the coast from Bridge-town. This also costs from £515 for 14 nights self-catering at

the cheapest time of the year. The Casuarina Hotel at St Lawrence Gap has won many awards for its beautiful land-

scaped gardens ence, despite being near the lively resort. The five apartment blocks have terracotta roofs, which give it a feeling. Spanish and all the rooms are spacious and well furnished. Again, it isself-catering, which is the norm with many of the south coast ho-

tels. Look out for prices in a wide range of brochures from both big and small tour operators, ranging from about £665 to £1,095 per person, including flights and transfers. Breakfast can be had for an additional £7.90 a day, half-board for an additional £25.90 a day. or seven breakfasts and three dinners for £117.

Virgin offers 14 nights at the Blue Horizon Apartments at Rockley Beach for £699 during June and July, and there is a 75 per cent discount for children under the age of 12. The apartments are close to one of the finest beaches on the island and each room has a Knchenen fridge. Flights are with BWIA.

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tion. The Barbados Tourist Board in Harbour Road, Bridgetown (00 809 4276 2623) provides a comprehensive list. For £18.75 to £37.40 per

room per night, for example, there is the Fairholme Hotel at 809 428 9425). The Crystal Waters guest house at Worthing (00 809435 7514) offers good quality accommodation from £22a night for a double room, and the Sierra Beach Apartments in

Hastings (00 809 429-5620) cost £40 to £47 for a studio. These are particularly attractive to the growing number of people who reach

Barbados independently, by yacht, for example, from another Caribbean Island Some of the 15 small but good quality beachfront properties along the south coast have been brought together by the tourist board under the marketing label "Gems of

Barbados". Some may be rather rundown and most need refurbishment if they are to survive, but already confidence is starting to return.

Among the group is the elegant Ocean View, which was one of the first hotels to be built on the island, the Shangri-La and White Sands, all representing good value at about £27 a night.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

WHAT TO SEE AND WHERE TO EAT

Enjoy a tropical cocktail

THE SIGHTS

There is more to Barbados than the beaches (see map on facing page). Inland, the roads snake around hills that were once covered in sugar cane. Of the few plantation houses that remain open to the public, St Nicholas Abbey is the best known and worth a visit. Entrance costs about B\$5 (about £1.70). Another is Sunbury Plantation House which, with its museum, was severely damaged by fire last year but has now reopened.

Entrance, £3.30. Tourist coaches head for Harrisons's Cave, which is open seven days a week at a cost of £5 per person, £2.50 for children. It is a stunning limestone cavern in which stalactites and stalagmites almost touch and are excitingly lit. Another natural "must" is the Flower Forest, an untamed area of trees and plants reflecting the flora of old

Barbados. Entrance £2. Coaches bead, too, for the Mount Gay Rum Centre. where visitors on a £3.30 tour are shown how rum is made. A hire car opens the way to other sights, such as Anthony

Eden's hideaway at Villa Nova, now a luxury resort, or the great house of Holders at which Pavarotti will sing next March. These can be seen only from the outside. Cricket fans will enjoy visiting the Kensington Oval, where even if the ground is closed, the museum and shop are open during normal shopping hours. Or try a trip onder the sea in the submarine Atlantis for about £50 per person.

Crane Beach is wild, remote and rugged. It lies at the bottom of a steep cliff. So many coaches with cruise ship passengers use the nearby hotel facilities, however, the owners now charge an entrance fee of £1.70.

THE FOOD

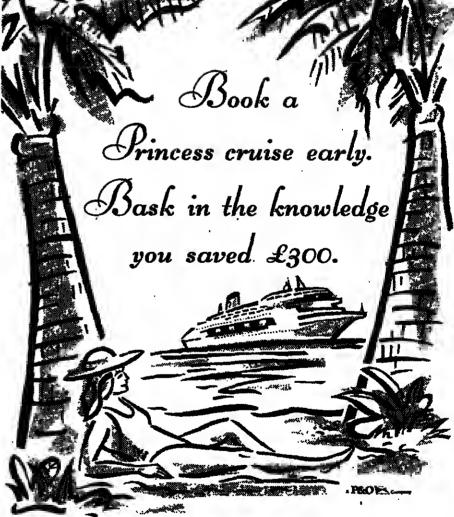
Eating out is easy, though not cheap. In one of the many shacks, cafes and bars around the island a bottle of local beer costs about £1.70, a tropical cocktail E3, a cola 95p, a tuna salad £4 and hamburger and chips £5.75.

The fashionable bar now is Bombas Beach Bar and Grill in Paynes Bay (see map on facing page), which is owned and ruo by a Scottish/Bajan couple. Beside the sea, Fathoms in St James specialises in seafood at about £10 to £15 per

> Ragamuffins, io Holetown, has one of the liveliest bars. and Olives bar and bistro. also in Holetown, offers excellent service at about £15-£20. Next door at Mews, the Austrian chef Josef Schwaiger has won a reputation for top quality. Expect to pay more

han £20 a head here. Cane chairs and candles give the award-winning La Maison restaurant at Holetown a romaotic feeling. Main courses cost about £25 a head, while Nico's champagne and wine bar buzzes at under £20 for a main course.

At least once on any holiday there is the lure of one big night out, and Barbados has plenty of excellent restaurants. Almost every quality hotel claims to have its own speciality. But for restaurants pure and simple those regarded highly include the Bagatelle Great House, on Highway 2a. It is a restored plantation house, built in 1645, and prices are about twice as much as in the bistros mentioned above. For a splendid view over the sea, the Carambola or the Cliff, both in Derricks, Si James, charge about £20 a head for a main course and £10 to £50 for a bottle of wine.



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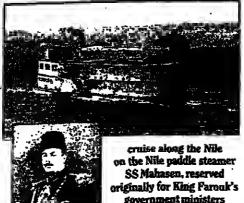
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Sunrise over the Yeni Cami mosque on the shores of the Bosphorus. Street food is very popular in Istanbul and fishermen in fezzes moor their boats near the mosque to fry their fish over open fires and sell mackerel sandwiches

The Ottoman empire strikes back

tanbul, I wandered into the Cemberlitas hamam, a Turkish bath designed by the loth-century Ottoman architect Sinan. From the large reception hall I was shown to a riny room with a narrow bed. Here I changed into a rough

cotton sarong and flip-flops. Feeling pallid and foreign, I was led through an antechamber into the domed steam room (the hararet). On a circular marble slab lay several other customers, like a fishmonger's display. I lay sweating for 15 minutes. Then a burly attendant holding a

mophead and a bucket sploshed hot foam all over me and set about some serious mangling, folding me up and twisting me into knots. At one point he stood on me.

I was then hauled into a

private chamber where he scrubbed me with a bath mitt. By now I was exhausted but tingling all over. I lay on the slab for a bit longer before being wrapped in several towels and led back upstairs. Now I could understand why there was a bed in the changingroom. After dressing, I had a small shot of Turkish coffee and floated out of the building Tied to the quayside at

Eminonu, the square that spreads in front of the Yeni Cami mosque on the western bank of the Golden Horn where it meets the Bosphorus. were several small boats on which men wearing fezzes and embroidered aprons. They were frying fish over smoking fires and doing a roaring trade in mackerel sandwiches.

Adventurous gluttons will appreciate the street food of Istanbul: kebabs, pretzels, a fortifying glass of boza (a thick, slightly fermented millet drink), a steaming mug of salep (milk flavoured with ground orchid root) or a few morsels of rahat lokum at Ali Muhiddin, the sweetshop where Turkish Delight is said to have been invented.

good place to buy. edible souvenirs is the spice bazaar, behind the Yeni Cami mosque. Less of a tourist trap than the more extensive grand bazaar, this is where the locals shop, haggling among the sacks of cloves and peppercorns. In the grand bazaar l discovered a multilingual fortune-telling rabbit. "Deutsch? English?" asked its owner, producing a board, bristling with folded scraps of paper. and showing it to the rabbit who, as far as I could tell, did very little. The man, receiving



some telepathic signal from the rabbit, picked a scrap from the board and intoned: "Generally this day passes with engineering in the sixth century — it is 1,160 years older than happiness. Appropriate the pleasures of reading." St Paul's.

When the Emperor Justinian decided to build the greatest church in Christendom, the Haghia Sophia ("Divine Wisdom"), he commissioned the mathematicians Anthemius and Sidorus as his architects. The basilica is the grandest monument of the Byzantine empire, its most remarkable



Sacks of spices in the bazaar

feature a dome. 100ft in diameter, built with 40 stone ribs and ringed with 40 windows. It was an extraordinary feat of

The basilica was dedicated

on December 26, 537 and served as the cathedral of Constantinople until the Ottoman conquest of 1453. Then it was turned into a mosque; four minarets were added, as well as an elegant Islamic library. Today. Haghia Sophia is a museum. The guide claimed that the great entrance doors were made of wood from Noah's Ark. A queue formed to touch St Gregory's column, reputed to prevent blindness and promote fertility. A spacious gal-lery runs about the interior, decorated with mosaics. One depicts Christ flanked by the

Empress Zoe and her third husband, Constantine IX. The empress was an unfortunate woman. A spinster in her late forties when she was crowned, she was hastily mar-ried to a doddering senator, Romanus Argyrus. There were no children. Zoe, besotted with a beautiful pageboy 40 years her junior, had Romanus poisoned and married the boy in 1034. He was crowned the Emperor Michael

an obese epileptic. The empress was then per-

suaded to adopt his cousin, who was crowned Michael V - and had his adoptive mother locked away. His reign, however, proved unpopular and within a year he was deposed and blinded.

Zoe was released to rule jointly with her sister Theodora. The "Two Mamas" were a much-loved double act. She married a third time, aged 64. Constantine IX openly kept a mistress but Zoe didn't seem to mind, and died peacefully six years later.

In the grounds of the Haghia Sophia there is a small outbuilding, originally the bapustery of the basilica, used by the Ottomans first as a lampstore, then as a mausoleum for two 17th-century sultans. Mustafa I and Ibrahim. both reputedly insane. Musiafa was barely educated. He sat on the throne unwillingly, all too aware of the frailty of power, and spent his brief reign fearing for his life.

He was soon removed. Ibrahim, a flamboyant figure, sometimes took 24 concubines in one session. His favourite, a fat Armenian girl who was called Sugar Lump. was appointed the governor of Damascus.

Just before Ibrahim was strangled, he announced his plan to line the entire Topkapi Palace with fur. The palace is huge. Started in 1461, shortly after the Ottoman conquest, it was altered and extended continuously for four centuries. Since 1924 it has been a museum, or rather a whole complex of museums so exhaustive that it would take several days to do them justice.

was there for one afternoon and toured the harem, which was always a separate complex within the palace. containing more than 250 rooms, even a small hospital. The dozen or so rooms one can visit are highly decorative, all covered with brightly-patterned faience tiles. The 400 women who once lived there were guarded by the black cunuchs, gargantuan Africans selected for their ugliness so that they would terrify rather than charm their charges. The harem had a

strict hierarchy. The most powerful figure was the valide, the mother of the reigning sovereign, whose influence on cultural and political life was enormous. The valide was responsible for selecting the haseki, the sultan's lovers. Should one of the haseki become pregnant and bear a son, she was allowed to marry the sultan and move into the more comfortable chambers allocated to the official wives.

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owners have responded magnificently to the call to open their doors, from the Prince of Wales and Richard Branson to the Church, the military, the TUC, the Grosvenor Estate, the BBC, ITV and Channel 4, the College of Arms, Barts hospital and even Vatman.

The one body to adopt a dogin-the-manger artitude is Her Majesty's Government, which is all the more surprising because Heritage Open Days is sponsored by Virginia Bottomley's Department of National Heritage.

In London, people are de-nied the opportunity to see the spectacular restoration of the Foreign Office, Only the old Treasury building is open in Whitehall (the remains of Henry VII's palace).

However, in Nottingham you can inspect Sir Michael Hopkins's civilised, cool and airy new offices for the Inland Revenue. In Leeds there is access to the "stunning" head-quarters of the Naconal Health Service, Quarry House - though it's not the quality that stuns so much as the Stalinesque, wedding-cake opulence and size. Japanese gar-dens and indoor swimming pool included (not for the

customers' use, of course). To make the most of the open days you can concentrate on a town, city or London borough, or map out your own itinerary based on the theme of your choice — new architecture, enterprising restoration, churches, cinemas, Georgian or Arts and Crafts buildings.

Top of the list must be Sir Gilbert Scott's splendid and long-empty Midland Hotel in front of St Pancras station in London. The interior is the Victorian counterpart of the Field of the Cloth of Gold, full of romance, vibrant colour and encrusted ornament. The focal point is the stupendous grand stair, twin flights circling the walls emerging to make a death-defying leap across space. Now that internal restoration is half-complete you can see what it could be - a place as palatial as the House of Lords.

in Manchester, the North West Film Archive, housed in a converted canalside warehouse, will be open for the first time, with tours of the vaults, film screenings and demos of

Al Bournemouth, Dorset, there is a chance to see romannic Higheliffe castle under repair at last. It incorporaies substantial chunks uf medieval French buildings brought back in the diplomanc

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(b) A medicine that is licked up, as distinct from being eaten, drunk, inhaled, injected,

from being cated, drunk inhaled, inserted as a suppository or absorbed. Usually made by incorporating the medicinal ingredient in a doughy or pasty mass. "And now, ladies and gentlemen, the speaker you have all been waiting for — our own local Member, whom I am sure you will be the state of the series of the

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Richard MacCormac's award-winning Cable and Wireless College at Coventry

bag by a resourceful British ambassador. Perched on a cliff above the sea. Highcliffe has a Great Hall modelled on King's College Chapel. Cambridge. This is the age of the Picturesque, all gables, buttresses and pinnacles and an abhorrence of symmetry.

In Birmingham, the Venetian/Gothic-style College of Art. dating from 1884, is open after two years of refurbishment. By contrast, a fine building that may soon need a new use is James Wyatt's Royal Military Academy of 1805 at Woolwich, London. This is the capital's counterpart to an Oxford or Cam-bridge college, set amid lawns, with mellow brick buildings laid around quads and along secluded lanes.

n north London, the Castle Climbing Centre is ingeniously housed in a former pumping station disguised as a castellated folly to appease affluent Victorians living nearby. It looked the ultimate white elephant until the promoters realised they could turn the deep turbine pits to advantage, creating an 80ft climbing wall within.

If your taste is for the unusual, try the Williamson Follies in Liverpool, where there are guided tours through a labyrinth of underground tunnels and chambers, excavated by a local philanthropist to create work during the depression after Waterloo. There is a 40ft-high banqueting hall and complete houses hollowed out from the rock only recently have local campaigners begun to explore and clear out the tunnels. Serious moles can follow up

this visit with one to the



underground temple, com-plete with "church" and Roman altar, in the grounds of long-demolished Hagley Hall in Staffordshire.

Georgian buildings are well represented. There is the Crown Court in York castle, built by the masterly John Carr of York, which offers a tour of the cells, the high sheriff's dining room and two domed courts. Or a grand lour of Buxton Spa, Derbyshire. where the Crescent contains a first-floor assembly room with plasterwork as rich and exquisite as any by Robert Adam. There's also a chance to view the marble-lined pump room, where fashionable Edwardians came to take the waters. In south London, seize the chance to see the Carshalton House water tower, built for a director of the South Sea Bubble company, with plunge bath and Delft tiles.

Opening at Aldershot, Hampshire, is the military library founded by the Prince Consort in 1860 and designed by Captain Francis Fowke. engineer-architect of the remarkable early buildings at the V&A museum in London. Or there's the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, Twickenham.

For Arts and Crafts interiors, try Pownall Hall, Wilmslow, Cheshire, built for a local brewer with De Morgan tiles and painted ceilings. There's also a chance to see the Gertrude Jekyll gardens at Amport House, Andover, Hampshire, now used to train chaplains in the armed forces. From the 1930s there is the modernist house designed for the headmaster of Dartington

school in Devon. with works by Epstein, Fry, Nash, Piper and Nicholson, Or the London Taxi Centre, at 7-11 Herbrand Street, WCI, a multilevel garage built for Daimler Car Hire in 1930 by Wallis Gilbert (architects of the old Hoover factory) in Art Deco style. In Sussex, there is the modernist De La Warr Pavilion and

Marina at Bexhill. Modernist icons include the Renault Distribution Centre at Swindon. Wiltshire, by Sir Norman Foster (with a selection of classic Renaults on show), and the impressive David Mellor Cutlery Factory at Hather-sage, near Sheffield, which takes its circular form from

stood on the site. Award-winning new buildings include Richard Mac-Cormac's Cable and Wireless College at Coventry.

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everal recently completed City offices are on show, including Minster Court (dubbed Monster Court by modernists on account of its Gothic gables) and Vintners Place, with marble floors in outrageous imitation of St Peter's in Rome.

There are many reasons for visiting churches. The funeral in Four Weddings and a Funeral was filmed at St Clement's, West Thurrock, Essex. At St Ives, Cornwall, you can look into the chapel on the 15th-century bridge, used in times past as a tollhouse and a pub, but now empty. At Highnam, near Gloucester, the remarkable frescoes by Thomas Gambier Parry - an inspiration to the pre-Raphaelites - are on view, to a

background of organ recitals. Theatres and cinemas make a strong showing. The opulent Victorian theatre at Normansfield mental hospital at Teddington, Middlesex, was built for Dr John Langdon Down, who identified Down's syndrome. His family were keen on amateur theatries and he noticed that many of his patients had a talent for mimicry and used theatre as a form of therapy. In central London. the Art Deco interiors of the Savoy theatre, restored after a fire, are on view. For new technology, there is

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Going up in architectural annals, the twin stairs at the Midland Hotel, St Pancras, London, now being restored the 1876 Tyne Swing Bridge at 500. Northern Ireland offers not buildings but a series of II Newcastle upon Tyne, or tour the bridge and engine room of maritime tours leading to the motor vessel Tern on Lake piers that serviced old monas-Windermere, Cumbria. In south Wales, the Nantyglo teries, fish traps, tide mills, lighthouses and lightships. Round House Towers, built by And best of all these open ironmasters as a defence days, from Penzance to John against riots, are open. o'Groat's, are all free. Wales offers about 50 prop-MARCUS BINNEY Heritage Days, 01232 235254. the gasometer which once erties for viewing. Scotland Glassic 5-star Med cruises. From a very

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but travelling is e frightful business. We surveyed our fellow travellers at Gatwick with dismay. Middle-aged men wore Newcastle United shirts. ear-rings, hair en brosse or back-to-front baseball caps.

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At satellite 31, where we went to board our flight to Skiathos, I was relieved to see people in clothes appropriate to their ages, reading proper books without gold-blocked letters on the front.

Skiethos, the busiest of the Sporades, is a lovely linle place, only eight miles long and three wide. In high season it's crowded with Italians and Germans but by early September they have gone, taking their video cameras with them, and good riddance, so September and October is a good time to visit.

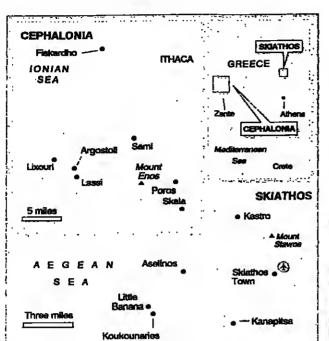
In spring we had a tiny beach to ourselves virtually every day. I'm not prepared, however, to say how to find it. in case I go back,

It's best to stay on the south coast but to travel into town for dinner or shopping and hike into the hills for history and olive groves - although how the landscape stays so green with temperatures around 100F is a mystery.

The island has more than 60 beaches, among them Vromolimnos for the young and single. Koukounaries for families and the nudist beach on the western tip, disconcertingly called Little Banana.

On the north coast is Lalaria, a pebble beach visited by big boats, but the best way to find a fantastic beach is to hire your own boat, poner up the coast and moor at one of the many coves inaccessible by road - there are several along the Kanapitsa peninsula. where the Onassis family home is. Take bottles of wine in a coolbox, a parasol and snorkel and you'll think you've died and gone to heaven.

Car hire is expensive on all Greek islands. We paid £117 for a 4WD for three days, but it is essential to explore inland. Buses to town are frequent but crowded; you will probably have to stand in early evening when everyone goes into town for dinner. Mopeds ere cheap but only for the tired of living - we saw many tourists with arms or legs in plaster and hideous calf burns from exhaust pipes.Ordinary saloon



cars are available but they would be a nightmare on mountain roads which are riddled with potholes. The island council keeps them that way to dissuade coach tours, and you can't blame them.

If you're feeling energetic, visit Kastro, the medieval capital of Skiathos, which was deserted in 1829, although no one seemed to know why. It was a Bravo Two Zero hike from where we left the car but the views were spectacular. It stands at the top of a 200metre cliff and the ruins of the Byzantine church and houses inhabited only by birds makes the place eerie.

From here it is a short, shuddering drive to Prof Elias for lunch with a view and on to the Evangelistria Monastery. near Mount Stavros. The frescoes are splendid and the icons inexpensive, but steer clear of the monastery keeper (thick set, dark haired), who is rude to the point of barminess.

For some reason Skiathos town, where the whole world seems to go for dinner, is full of attractive young women wandering about in big groups and small skirts great for a young man but distressing if you're a thirtysomething in last summer's frocks with every stitch on duty.

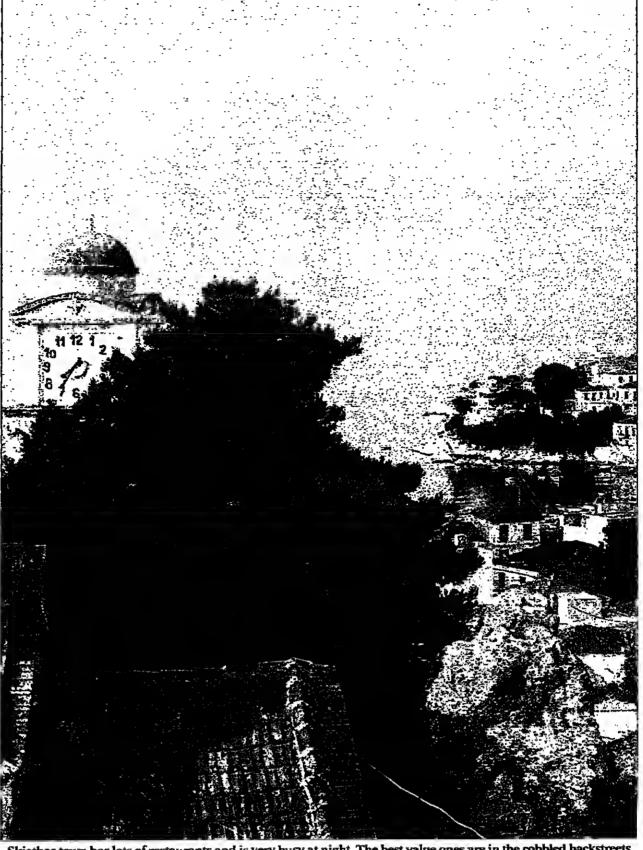
The town is pretty for an aperitif along the front but the best value restaurants are in the cobbled backstreets. Look

for the Mediterraneo on roof-terrace which offers food as good as the view. Don't expect the food to be piping hot - the Greeks believe it's bad for the digestion. When you're tired of eating Greek, head for the Garden of the East, an onen-air Chinese restaurant. For the best pizzas go south to Peligiari, on the beach.

The best restaurant on the island is The Windmill, restored by a British couple and a sort of Langan's in the Aegean. The food is faultless. Ask for "the best table in Skiathos" a balcony for two straight out of a Restoration drama, where you can look across the town and marina. Book when the plane lands.

The island is not perfect. Many restaurants do not take credit cards, the food's too cold and the wine's too warm and some of the waiters could do with a spell in the charm school. The food is better in Crete or, now I think of it, in the Lemonia in Primrose Hill. NW3, but then I'm a grumpy old thing when it comes to travel and have a list of places I shall never visit, including Florida and Los Angeles, And yel I liked Skiathos very much. wouldn't mind having a little place there actually. Best to go soon, before the back-to-front

baseball caps get there. MARY GOLD



Skiathos town has lots of restaurants and is very busy at night. The best value ones are in the cobbled backstreets



Hire a boat on Skiathos

First Choice Holidays (0161-745 7000) offers a week at the Skiathos Palace from £525, per person, including breakfast in high

season, £419 in low season, based on flights

Avis (Skiathos 21458) offers saloon cars from about £32 a day and 4WDs for £44 (there are discounts for First Choice clients).

Eating out: Teverna Stavros, Evangelistria Street, is good value; The Windmill (21223); Gardeo of the East (21627); for out-oftown Chinese try The Chinese Garden in Troulos village (49219). Expect to pay £15 for

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lunch, £30 for dinner for two with wine, more at The Windmill.

■ Best places for shopping: Archipelagos, near the Papadiamantis Museum, for Greek folk art and antiques. Icons from the Evangelistria Monastery. Skiathos is a good base for island-

hopping. Skopelos is 1S minutes away by hydrofoil (about £10). Alonissos is another hour by boat from Skopelos, check for times. Further information from the National

Tourist Office of Greece, 4 Conduit Street, London WI (0171-734 5997).

Where tourism turned turtle

THE ECO-TOURIST is fast becoming a main economic force on the island of Zante. This year hoteliers report a 30 per cent drop in bookings. Indeed, all the islands are being out-competed by lower prices in Turkey. To compensate for their losses, the Greeks are turning to the conservationists.

The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece has campaigned for 13 years to save the Loggerhead turtle, Caretta caretta, which has many nesting beaches on Zante. However, volunteers telling tourists not to walk on protected beaches at night and not to plant parasols in the sand do not curry favour with those trying to lure sun seekers.

The solution is to entice

turtle fans. The local people ere capitalising on Coretto and turtle-spotting boats leave hourly from the beach at Laganas. What they don't tell people is that by snorkelling off Kalamaki during the nesting season (May to August). it is often possible to swim with these majestic beasts.

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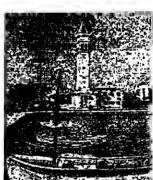
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The real treat is the hatchlings which start their desperare scrabble for the sea at the end of July. It is virtually impossible to see the hatchlings at present, if you are merely an eco-tourist. The best you can hope for are the tiny tracks down the beach.

Eco-tourism on Zante still has a long way to go: legislation preventing con-struction behind beaches does not compensate landowners and only people with an official permit can get close to the turtles, unless they happen to see an adult in the sea.

Environmentalists are campaigning for a marine park on Zante which will allow controlled, but a much wider, viewing of the turtles. For effective eco-tourism people must see, but not necessarily touch, what they are saving.



Zante is haven for turtles

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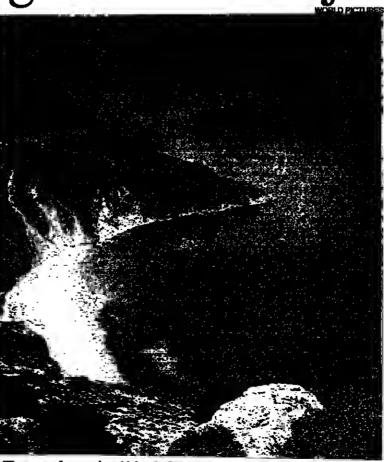
am a package holiday coovert. This is a recent development, to use L the language of the holiday brochure. Before my conversion, it seemed to me that a package holiday was the keenest expression of being a holiday patient, and the uniformed rep was like a nurse, telling her charges not to drink the local water. But now I want someone to look after me.

Just as hardened etheists turn to religion to give their lives some comfort and form in a troubled world. I found myself turning to Lunn Poly, "The Holiday Shop", for the same reasons. My choice of holiday was an accident. Flicking through the Thomson Simply Greece brochure, the page fell open on the small village of Katehos in Cephalonia, apparently a good choice for "keen walkers and birdwatchers". While I do not consider this 10 be an occurate character profile, it did at least signal a lack of karaoke bars, and I booked a seven-dey break in a selfcatering studio.

In the dark days when I had not let a holidey world that is packaged and sanitised into my heart, I used to sneer at the amount of luggage people heaved on to airport weighing ma-chines. Now it is I who keep young romantics waiting. They shuffle their flip-flopped feet impatiently while I' check in my baby's travel cot — and then, to too it all, I heve a row with the woman at the check-in desk. She tells me that even though I have paid a full air fare for my two-year-old, she will have to sit at the front of the plane while I sit at the back. Apparently there ere no more seats together. Airport rage broke out. Computers crashed. Supervisers were called and a solution was found. However, I would like to suggest to all airlines that a two, three or four-year-old is really still an infant, as are many 35-year-olds, but that is not the airline's fault.

Never mind. Three hours later, all of us Thomson Package Citizens were blinking in the spring sunlight of Cephalonia. The largest of the Ionian islands. Cephalonia used to attract mostly Greeks and Italians. Now that the British package industry is on the case, a new airport terminal has been built. At first sight, the capital, leaves the stomach and travels into the

much narrower intestine where it can



The sparsely populated island of Cephalonia is ideal for a rural holiday

rounded by mountains and mist, looks a bit like Austria. That's what the rep said as our coach wheezed through it. and I agree with her. Probably if you're staying in nearby Lassi (aboot two kilometres away) with its amazing beaches and crystal clear water, it might be fun to spend the evenings

A ferry leaves every hour for the town of Lixouri, of which the Thomson brothure says, "there are many statues and busts of famous poets, radicals and intellects displayed - so don't forget your cameras".

tain roads and small villages suggested

The drive through winding moun-

And it was. The "studio" I had been allocated was basically a room in e field, overlooked by the fir-studded Mount Enos, recently declared a national park. An organic farm next door, owned by e charming man with Happiness" embroidered on his hat, sold fresh eggs. He quietly tended his lilies and orange trees, seemingly oblivious to his British neighbour's opinions on the drawbacks of white. plastic plates. Yes, 12 studios can be a little too intimate when everyone (and their opinions) sits outside at the same

To escape the effect leisure has on the mind, (obsessions with plastic plates) it different, and potentially more serious.

walk down to the beach, I passed orchards brimming with wild flowers. two supermarkets, an ice-cream parlour and a few village houses with colourful potted blooms and those small jumpy canaries in cages. Perhaps that's what the brochure meant

by birdwatching. Here, about six tavernas overlook the bay, the best of which is Elliniko, where you can sip the delicious, honeycoloured local wine, Rombola, and watch white ducks chase each other across the sand and silver seaweed. And that's it. In the low season, the joint isn't exactly jumping.

n the other hand, if you want o more populated resort you can take a two-hour walk across the cliffs to Skala, past Polomakia beach, where the loggerhead turtles come ashore to lay their eggs between June and August Skala. with its pinefringed beaches and handy car hire opportunities (public transport is very poor on the island) is supposed to have some lively music bars, but is still fairly sleepy as resorts go.

Not for much longer though. 1 suspect Katelios is e dress rehearsal for the final production. Even in May, sun loungers and umbrellas mysteriously appeared on the main stretch of beach, like a sub plot from The X Files.

From time to time, you hear teams of builders tapping away at those ghostlike concrete structures that will eventually become studios.

That said, in lete spring when the wild flowers are blooming in the green hills and velleys, the beaches are uncrowded and the prices haven't become ridiculous, it is an ideal destination for those who want a genuinely peaceful, rural holiday.

And I would just like to say how much I appreciated watching Freddie Starr chop Peter Stringfellow in half of the in-flight film home.

DEBORAH LEVY Thomson (reservations 0171-707 9000) offers holidays in Cephalonia in October from E209 for 14 nights self-catering at Lassi (flving from Luton) to 6638 half board at the Hotel White Rocks in Liassi (from Gatwick). There is olso 14 nights half board of the Hotel Irinna in Svoronata for

Going flat out

CYCLING is becoming the environmentally acceptable form of holiday transport. Bike Tours (01.225 480t30) offers an Amsierdam weekend break on September 20-24 (taking your own bike), crossing between Harwich and the Hook of Holland.

The tour, accompanied by an escort and mechanic, is along flat country lanes and dedicated cycleways to Amsterdam, with campsite accommodation some meals. Cost £150.

Soft pedalling

IN FRANCE, Cycling for Softies (0161-248 8282) offers individual holidays including a week along the little-known rivers and canals of La Venise Vert, from £737 (two sharing including flights, seven nights half-board accommodation and cycle hire.

In top gear

THERE'S a chance to join Oxfam (01865 312456) next spring on a week-long tour in Israel, cycling 40-60 miles a day, if you can raise £1.850 sponsorship (they'll advise how and pay right ration fee of £250, covering flights, accommodation and cycle hire.

Tiepolo tour

THE tercentenary of the birth of Tiepolo is being celebrated in Venice by a major exhibition of his works. Martin Randall (0181-742 3355) offers a four-night tour in October, escorted by guest lecturer Dr Joachim Strupp.

Four nights B&B at the four-star Hotel alla Torre in the historic centre of Castelfranco, 40 minutes by train from Venice, is included in the price of £760, as well as scheduled flights, airport taxes, coach and rail travel, four dinners and admission.

Pastures new

THE Gites d'Interludes brochure from Brittany Ferries (0990 300360) offers short breaks in rural self-catering cottages, all within easy reach of Caen, Cherwithin easy reach of Caen, Cherbourg, St Malo and Roscoff, Three Pollensa costs £449.



nights in a half-timbered country house in Normandy, less than five miles from Beroy, with two bedrooms and a garden with barbecue, and return ferry crossing between Poole and Cherbourg for car and four passengers costs £213 during October and November.

In the picture

YOU CAN capture North Africa's oases and desert landscapes, orange groves and the alleys of the Medina on canvas, on Panorama's (01273 220013) watercolour painting holiday in Tunisia next spring. Artist Muriel Owen leads two-week trip to Hammamet, Sidi Bou Said - the little blue and white gem near Carthage - the maritime oasis of Gabes, and Douz, the gateway to the Sahara. The April trip costs £646 halfboard. A painting week in northem Mallorca this November at

Howzat?

MASOCHIST cricket addicts still prepared to watch England can head for New Zealand from February 2-22, 1997 on a 17-night Sports Abroad trip (01306 744345) to watch the second Test at Wellington, the third and a oneday match at Christchurch.

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For light relief, there are stays at the fishing port of Picton and at Kaikura and seven nights in Wellington and eight in Christchurch. The price per person (two shazing) is £2,295, plus about £48 for tickets to each Test match and £22 for the one-day game. Flights. accommodation, some meals and a celebrity forum in each cricket centre are included. .

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Tanked up

THOSE with an ambition to drive a chieftain tank, a bren carrier, a go-kart and a four-wheel drive, tackle an assault course with greasy poles over cold water, or take up laser clay shooting, can take part in an Anglian Activity Break (01508 492132) multi-driving and sport extravaganza in Thetford Forest, Norfolk. A current driving licence is required. The activities cost between £8 and £30 each.)

For those who prefer to enjoy rather less macho activities, a break combining clay shooting and archery in the forest costs from £57 per person with motel accommodation, and an extra £21 per person for B&B.

Rich rewards

A TREASURE hunt, with cases of Bouzy Rouge wine from Cham-pagne as prizes, has been set up by Instravel (01653 628811) which points holidaymakers down Normandy's Cherbourg peninsula and through Calvados country to the Auberge de l'Abbaye in the village of Bec-Hellouin.

By solving clues — identifying statues and historical references

- participants gain rewards en route, a degustation of Pommeau or Calvados, assorted terrines and local sweetmeats. The price of the break is £156, including three nights' half-board at three hotels. and return ferry crossing for a car and passengers.

CORRECTION

The telephone number of Tourism Victoria is 0171-240 7176; we regret printing an inaccurate number in Weekend (August 24).

That feeling of déjà vu

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when citizens return from holiday indolence and smarten up. Women's thoughts turn to autumnal lipsticks, Chanel handbags and the essential winter wardrobe. And any Parisian label-junkie worth her Hermes heads to the depots-vente, the shops which specialise in pristine secondhand couture.

Many of these shops are in the chi-chi loth arrondissement, where the richest women in Paris live and shed their clothes four times a year with the social seasons. So there are Chanel suits not long off the catwalk, Hermès scarves, Yves Saint Laurent, Valentino, Alaīa, Ungaro, Kenzo, and even the more radical Moschino and Vivienne Westwood at half or a

third of the original price. Remember, however, that the original price was gargantuan, so banish thoughts of Oxfam and London's Camden market and their bargains from your mind, and reach for your credit card. The depot-ventes are

only for the serious shopper obsessed with big-name designers, and looking for rather grand clothes. The ca-

sual tourist with a few hours to spare should not attempt what takes a Frenchwoman with a wellhoned eye a whole afternoon. The largest secondhand shop is

Réciproque on Rue de la Pompe near the La Muette Métro. Walk north and you will see L'Occaserie, a smaller, cheaper version. The first L'Occaserie at No 19 specialises in designer baby and maternity clothes. It is fine for party dresses blazers and those Austrian-style woollen jackets with contrasting piping, but casual clothes are not cheap, and often over-washed by the time they reach the shop.

A block up is L'Occaserie for

women, its window filled with Chanel chain-logo belts at £235, and endless ear-rings with inter-twined Cs. Inside, there is a stifflooking proprietress who, one suspects, drives a hard bargain with the ladies of the loth who offer their wardrobes.

A search of the racks unearths a Guy Laroche short black evening dress with diamante buttons for The Paris phone code prefix is 00 331.

is la rentrée in Paris, the time just over £100, and an Yves Saint Laurent 'le smoking" suit with a skirt for £300. There are also Montana and Lacroix jackets for £130, an Isaac Mizrahi green-andwhite patent bag for E00, and the eternal Hermes scarf for E80. Further up the street is

Réciproque, a secondhand mecca for many Parisians. There are five different specialist shops, for wonten's daywear, eveningwear, menswear, accessories and coats on both sides of the street. The accessories shop has an entire back room dedicated to handbags, including a Hermès anoque in crocodile at £3,500. For £50 or so, however, you can come away with a chic bag with a blatant designer label. As I

lurked, a grandly dressed woman in her sixties bought some Chanel ear-rings. "Have you a box? It's a present," she said un-ashamed. The saleswoman unlocked a cupboard full of newlooking linle boxes with various designers' logos, and the present was passed off as brand new.

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In the suit and eveningwear department, the clothes are

neatly ranked by designer, colour and size - a great deal in size 10. A short pink tweed Chanel suit was more than £1,000, but would cost twice that new. Many of the buttons had been snipped off the Chanels on the racks and, presumably, sewn convincincly on some cheaper garment at home. The ladies of the 16th may be rich, but they are not extravagant.

Over in the 2nd arrondissement, in a pretty arcade near the Bourse, there is La Marelle. The labels here are not so grand, but the clothes are more youthful - Joseph, Kenzo, Agnès B - and the bargains are better. A brown velvet Joseph redingote in perfect condition was under £100. There are also smart dresses and shoes for children.

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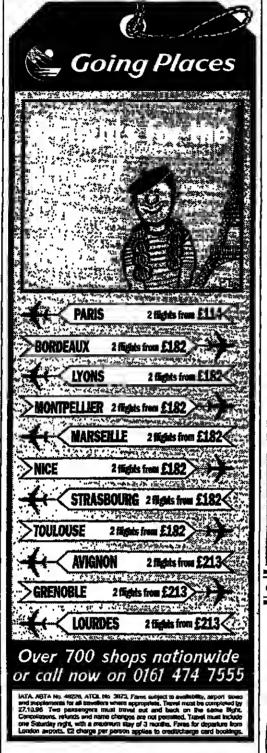
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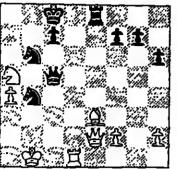
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by Raymond Keene

ONCE AGAIN, my postbag has Amsterdam 1991, and demon-yielded a number of fascinating strates the refined tactical sense of queries and some typical and unusual factical monfs.

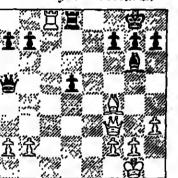
This position is from the game Duras-Spielmann, Vienna 1907.



White to play. He would like to capture the black queen on c5, but at the moment this would not turn out well because of the pin along the e-file. How did a preliminary move turn this position, originally published on March 18, into a favourable transaction? Solution: 1 Rd8+! Kxd8 2 Nb7+ or

... Rxd8 and 2 Bxc5 is safe for White, However, Frank Langmaid of West Sussex suggests I Qg4+ for White, with the idea of capturing the black queen next move. Black would meet | Qg4+ with 1 . . . f5 2 Bxc5 fxg4 3 Bxb4 Nxa4. Although White is now a piece ahead, Black has two pawns and will be able to put up stiffer resistance than after Duras's continuation, which won Black's queen for a rook and maintained the white attack.

The next position was published as a Winning Move on June 27.

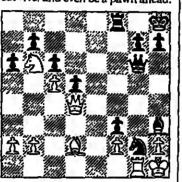


White to play. The position is

the FIDE world champion.

White would like to play 1 Bc7 forking queen and rook, but Black can then reply t... Qet. How can White improve on this variation? Solution: 1 b4! Qb6 (the black queen must stay in contact with the anacked rook on d8, but now the queen finds itself nudged to an inconvenient square) 2 Bc7 Rxc8 3 Bxbb axbb 4 Qxd5 — and White, with the advantage of queen against rook and bishop, went on

Sieven Emmott of Geneva suggests that White could win more quickly with the following sequence, which also speculates on the tenuous defensive relationship between Black's queen and his rook: 1 Qc3 Qb6 2 Qc5 Qf6 3 Be5 Qh4 4 Qc7 Rf8 5 Bd6. This is a good try, but Black could play 2... Qxr5 and after 3 Rxd8+ Qf8 he would survive, and even be a pawn ahead.



Black to play. This position is from the game Wygodchikoff-Alekhine, Russia 1908. Can you see the brilliant combination Alekhine found to exploit the constricted position of the white king and emerge with extra material? This Winning Move puzzle was origi-

nally published on April 16.
Solution: 1 . . . Nt4! 2 Rxg6 (2
Bxf4 Bg2+) 2 . . . Bg2+ 3 Rxg2 fxg2+
4 Kg1 Ne2+ and 5 . . . Nxd4 with an easy win.

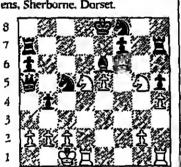
Kenneih Mackay of Sutton Coldfield wonders why White does not try 1...Nf4 2 Rxg6 Bg2+ and now 3 Kgl, instead of 3 Rxg2. The answer is that after 3 Kgl. Black has a choice of elegant mates with either 3... Ne2 or 3... Nh3.

WINNING MOVE

This position is from the game Duhrssen - Troger, Bad Elster 1936. It is often a mistake to grab material when you have a strong initiative. This principle was glaringly illustrated by this position, where White captured the black rook on h7 but was unable to win the game. What should he have done instead? White to play. Send your answers on a postcard to

The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will appear next Saturday. Last week's solution: 1 Nf6 (1 ... Bxfo 2 Be41

winners: A. Maii Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex; R. Gedling, Epsom, Surrey; R. Owens. Sherborne. Dorset.



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PUNCHLINE

READERS are invited to write an amusing caprion for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine [reproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection, Marylebone Library).

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Consternation among the fourth form as the head boy strays into the line of their indoor frisbee course

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by R. Dixon of Chichester, West Sussex

By Philip Howard

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- FLAGITIOUS
- b. Worn out

- b. Dear girl
- c. Hunky-dory

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- a. A German prince
- b. A horror story
- c. Rendering obscure
- a. Wicked
- c. Mistaken
- PIGSNEY
- b. A pig's trotter

Answers on page 21

by Robert Sheehan

BRIDGE

WHAT IS your lead from:

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after this bidding (South deals):

Pass Pass 15-17 balanced Stayman

When Poland played Britain in the Junior European Champion-ship in July, the Polish West, Krzysztof Ginda, led the ace of spades. He was aware his parmer would have little, if any, high card strength. But with the control the ace-king of trumps assured, one possibility was that he might be able to give his partner a ruff. After the lead this is what he saw:

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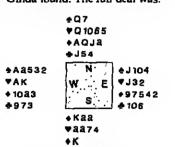
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East played the four and South the six on the first spade. At trick two West continued spades, East playing the jack (thus showing an initial holding of J 10 4) and declar-er the eight. Declarer then entered hand with a diamond to his king. and led a heart. As West, how would you plan the defence? It is clear that East can have at

most a queen, even if South is a point light for his opening bid, If East has Q 10 x of clubs he won't make a trick there - for example. South can discard a club from

dummy on his marked king of spades, and subsequently take a ruff. So the only chance is to play East for the jack of hearts, and you should continue with a third round of spades.

South wins the king, East following, and plays a second trump. You win and administer the coup de grace with a fourth spade, promoting East's jack of trumps for the setting trick. That was the defence Ginda found. The full deal was:



+AKQB2

Notice West defended in the only way to beat Four Hearts. South's opening of INT on a hand containing a singleton is neither orthodox nor recommended, but there was some method in his madness: a singleton king in the closed hand at No-Trumps often works as well as king-doubleton, especially when the defenders do not expect declar-er to have a shortage. Had North's thinking been as

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No-trump-orientated as his partner's, he might have glanced at his soft collection of queens and jacks and raised INT straight to the unbeatable 3NT. And I suppose with his strong clubs South might have concealed his feeble hearts over North's Two Club response.

COMPUTERGAMES AND PASTURES by Tim Wapshott

DID THE EARTH move for me this week? A little. Testing id Software's long-awaited Doom sequel and Aura Interactor's throbbing hardware left me slightly

shaken but not especially stirred. When the computer gaming history books are wrinen, id Software will be up there with the greats for filling the blast-feast niche. It launched itself on an unsuspecting public towards the end of the 1980s with Wolfenstein. 3D, a small but revolutionary programme oozing atmosphere in a Nazi-zapping runaround set among corridors, stautcases and

secret passages.
The key to Wolfenstein's delight was its refreshing simplicity - all you had was a weapon with which to face an endless oncoming army. At a time when others tried to be ever-more sophisticated by requiring many mouse clicks before delivering even a single new scene, id Software broke imagination boundaries like no other to immerse us in its affordable synthetic virtual reality. While Wolfenstein 3D was rea-

sonably successful, and has sold steadily ever since, it could never match the buzz created by the arrival of id Software's Dooms 1

and II, much darker romps with savage monsters and bucket-loads of gore.

Ever since the industry has been waiting to see what the company could come up with next. The answer is Quake. This is a superlative game. the Bentley to Doom's Rolls-Royce. But though magnifi-cent and beautiful in every detail it has one major drawback — the terrilory is too familiar, so you feel like you've already played it. By coursing through

Quake's Gothic labyrinth you must seek out four runes. These allow you to open a pit where you face the ultimate challenge, a showdown with a witch-goddess in her otherworld cathedral. You start deep in the bow-

els of the medieval construction. and progress logically throughcountless levels, darting around finding keys and supplies or discovering secret rooms. At each turn you meet your

enemy, such as monsters, ogres and the walking dead. You are armed with up to eight weapons, from a useless axe to nailguns, rocket launchers and an electric

whales (5)

team (7)

gyrating with zeal (8)

fear made by a lariat (5)

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Add excitement with Aura Interactor's vibrating back cushion and backpack

beam gun. You also get to run, jump and swim underwater. The company has billed Quake

as "the most important pc game ever". You may have already spotted some of its advertisements in magazines and on billboards, showing wholesome happy families contentedly at play. These seem unlikely images to opt for, since the young children depicted

No 3374: Enclosure by Poat

Gun, shot by lieutenant, odd piece (8) Marshlands swallowing many useless parts of

When evaluating game, is it worth it? (6)

I wear odd raiment, perhaps, an' t'm rated' '-Before conclusion of pirouette, drag foot (6)

set in short entrance exam to a student (12) Strip broadcast to hunting-party (8)

Scottish stalls set up for new ale (5)

Lawyer has skirts for flashy bird (8)

would doubtless have nightmares and require counselling were they to be plugged unchecked into Quake.

You can improve your survival chances at any time with a host of cheats. For immediate access to all weapons and plenty of ammunition, type Impulse 9, and for invincibility, type God. Fly enables you lo float up and down, while Noclip means you can pass through walls, floors and ceilings; using both together you can merely shortcut every level and drift straig exit. Use Fly and Noclip together with caution, once you opt for those the challenge of completing the game can quickly evaporate.

If you've been thinking of

getting Doom then don't, do yourself a favour and pick up Ouake instead. It's not especially ground-breaking and doesn't turn the genre on its head but h is the superior product,

The graphics are richer with a less harsh and more mellow colour scheme than Doom. Adding more to the proceedings are wonderful, stereo sound effects to immerse you deeper into the nightmare.

Further dimension can be added to any action game with two vibrating gadgets from Aura Interactor, a back cushion and a backpack. These plug in to a sound source from the computer or games console and relay vibrations corresponding to bass sound waves. The resultant body pulsating rhythms are meant to make you feel like you are really there.
Tested on Quake, the packs do have a high novelty value and, if you are in the mood, work to some

extent. You can alter the power and filter of the rhythm feed to the mono unit but better control over the vibrating effect wouldn't go a miss. Nor would the option to turn off the tinny plastic speaker in the backpack.

Both gadgets also work with routine sound sources, such as a Walkman, hi-fi or television. While sitting on a cushion pulsating away to bass sounds of rap music might drive you insane, the cushion can have its scary moments during a good terror movie. "Peter sat down to rest, he was

out of breath and trembling with fright . . . After a time he began to wander about, going lippity-lippity. Beatrix Poner, Tale of Peter Rabbit (1902).

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24 Protection (7)

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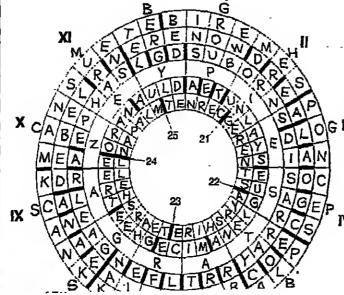
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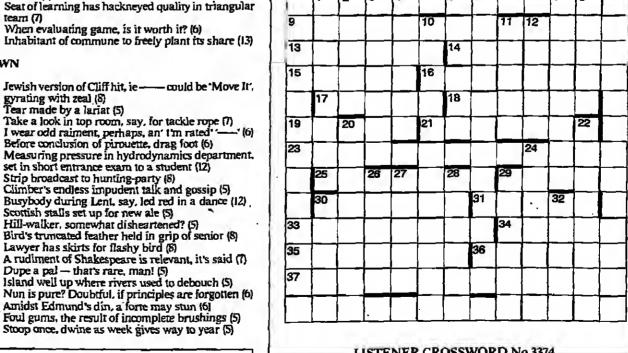
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- 19 Wrapped in bacon, tomato, it may be worth something in Portugal (5) See plenty of asses in a ride around (7) Spiders at heart of cave, rich, full and dark - one
- gets the wrong idea (13) 25 See founders of Shadows in unperformed musical Wonderful Land" (7) Stale Persian bread, millet with him of corn (5)
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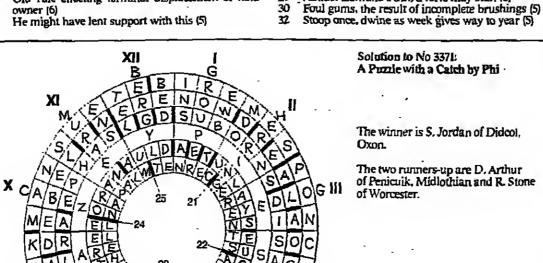
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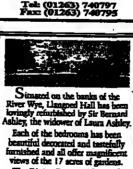
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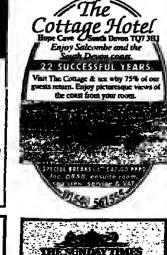
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How have the shares fared?

Anyone who bought into the

first public offer in 1991 has

done well. They will have paid a total of 175p per share for

their National Power and

PowerGen shares. Today, shares in Naoonal Power

change hands at about 383p

while PowerGen trade at

about 490.5p.
The story is different for

investors in the later privatisation. On the surface, neither

share has done particularly

well since 1995. Both have

noticeably underperformed

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since then, Indeed, National

Power partly-paid shares are

trading below the price that

investors have already paid -

340p for National Power and

370p for PowerGen. The part-

ly-paid shares trade at about

246.5p and 346.5p respectively.

the hefty dividends which

have made the shares so

attractive. National Power re-

cently paid out a special dividend of 100p per share; other dividends add up to 34.1p since 1995. PowerGen

shareholders have received

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ing into the initial public offer.

How have the companies

Both companies have done

reasonably well in the last

year, with solid profits and

also extended their presence

But the quoted prices mask

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ore than 700,000 investors who rushed buy shares in National Power and PowerGen in 1995 must now decide whether to write that cheque to pay for the third and final instalment. The deadline for cheques or bankers drafts reaching the Registrar is Thursday, September 12.

The 1995 issue was not the first public offering for the two power generators. In 1991, the Government sold off 60 per cent of its holdings in each company in a two-step public offering.

The sale of the Government's remaining 40 per cent in 1995 was enormously popu-lar. The initial public offer was so heavily subscribed that the Treasury increased the portion allocated to small investors to 51.3 per cent from 40 per cent. More than one million private investors bought shares in 1995. Today, about 70 per cent still hold the partlypaid shares.

What are the options for partly-paid shareholders?

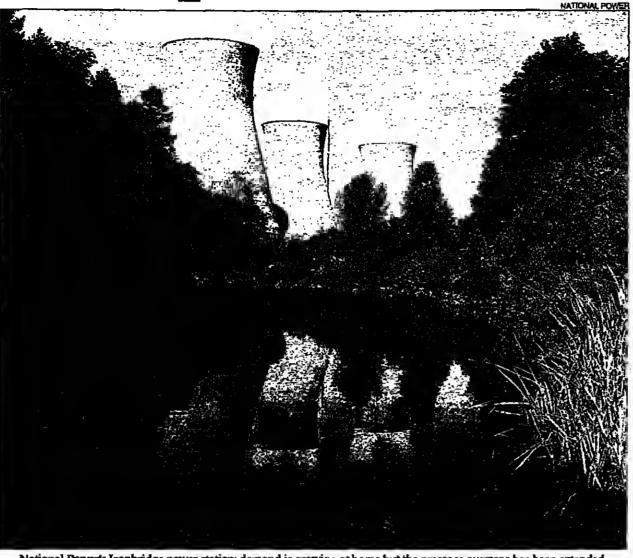
If you still hold your partly paid shares, you can meet the final instalment, or do nothing. It is now too late to sell the partly-paid shares in the open market the deadline for such sales was Friday.

The final payments are 136p per Narional Power share and 142p per PowerGen share. If you qualify for a discount, you owe 121p for every National Power share and 127p for each PowerGen share.

If you cannot afford to meet the payments, you can do nothing and the Treasury will sell the shares at the current market value. It will deduct any dealing and administration charges and pay you the dividend growth. Both have

Reflections on the power sales orphan millions

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National Power's Ironbridge power station: demand is growing at home but the presence overseas has been extended

setbacks. National Power received a blow when lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, blocked its bid to acquire Southern Electric. PowerGen had a similar setback with its agreed bid for Midlands Electricity. An offer from Southern of the US for National Power was also blocked.

pect of strong dividend pay-What does the future hold? ments was one reason advisers recommended buy-

Projections for the future depend very much on whom you speak to. There is some concern that both companies could be hit by a windfall tax if Labour wins the next election. but analysts are divided about how serious the impact of such a tax would be.

Kleinwort Benson last week above contributed to a decline in National Power's share price

by reducing its rating on the stock to "sell" from "hold" although it is maintaining its "hold" rating on PowerGen.

Tim Anker, utilities analyst at Kleinwort, says the change reflects concern that National Power will have trouble competing after 1998 when the electricity industry opens up to competition. This, in turn, will make it difficult for the company to maintain its strong dividend growth. The UK market is very easy at the moment. But we expect the average prices that they get to fall as it moves to much shorter-term contracts."

Mr Anker says PowerGen is in a stronger financial pos-ition, and that it should have problem maintaining growth, even if it faces stiffer competition and a windfall

tax. He added: "Overall, you are dealing with comwhether you decide to hold or panies that are going to post sell depends on what you are losses, I would expect both holding these companies for. If stocks to come back in nine you have a very positive months to a year, I would stick outlook for gas prices and them in a Pep if you haven't their impact on electricity then you should continue to hold already. He notes that even with the shares. But if you are holding them as part of a nice, more competition coming into low-risk utilities portfolio, they don't fit the bill. You would be

better off in National Grid,

once the regulatory risk is out

of the way, or in a regional

Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of Barclays Stockbro-

kers, sees both stocks as strong holds. He says: "They are both

still good, blue chip stocks.

And now is not the time to sell.

They have both performed

electricity or water company."

the market, the underlying strengths of the companies will not disappear.

He says: "In a mature market, with growing demand for power, the companies are well placed, even with more competition. Because of their expansion overseas they are both in good positions to buy un companies or act as consultants for overseas companies. They could also expand into other utility provision such as poorly because of regulatory wind power or gas provision. control and concerns about the pending election. It's not as if retail side."

Giants scrap over

sidelines as some of the biggest institutional investors in the country fight over their insurers' future.

Refuge and United Friendannounced last month that they intended to merge into a single company, to be called United Assurance and worth El.5 billion. Some powerful City fund managers are threatening to block the deal. The row centres on the socalled "orphan assets" which

Refuge holds in its life fund. They have accumulated over many years partly because accuaries have been conservaove in their calculation of bonus payouts, and partly because shareholders have not always taken the investment returns to which they were entitled. In Refuge's founding prin-

ciples any surplus is to be distributed 90 per cent to policyholders and 10 per cent to shareholders. However, many of the policyholders to whom these boouses should technically beloog have already died.

shareholders Refuge believe that they are now entitled to some of these assets

which are currently in the ordinary branch fund. When Refuge last month announced plans for the merger, it said it had identified a surplus in the industrial branch fund worth £430 million, which the Department of Trade and Indus-

try (DTI) had agreed belonged to shareholders. Refuge says that after dis-cussions with the DTI it believes the assets in the ordinary branch are never likely to be released to

At the eleventh hour Refuge bowed to their demands and agreed to offer a sweetener. This involves giving shareholders a financial instrument called an option, which would allow them to claim a part of this surplus should the DTI ever give permission for it to be redistributed in the future.

This has appeased some. but not all. lovestors, both large and small, have until September 26 to make up their minds. John Cudworth, chief exec-

utive of Refuge, is seeking to have a shareholders' meeting in Wilmslow, Cheshire, on Monday opened and adjourned to enable investors to examine the new offer.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Tax has to be fun

S o you thought self-assessment meant working out your own tax? So did the Inland Revenue until it discovered that the prospect sent guinea-pig taxpayers in trials in Leicester and Southampton into a tailspin of anxiety and inadequacy, Cue soothing message from the taxman: "We would prefer you to send us your tax return and let us do the calculation for you." The last thing the Revenue wants is to make tax seem difficult

On the contrary, yesterday's unveiling of the new tax returns, to be sent out for the first time next April to the 8.5 million people who have to fill in returns, made out that the experience was almost going to be fun. In fact, says the Revenue, the new British tax return is "probably the best tax return in the world". If this is so, it has needed two years of painful experimentation to create the new, fun-to-fill-in

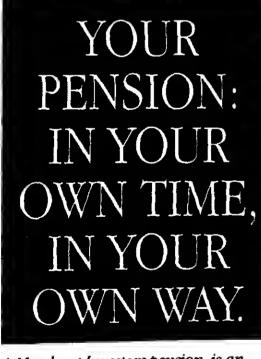
The different sections of the

bits taxpayers have to concentrate on are picked out in blue and green against a calm grey backround. Taxpayers who had actually completed the forms were apparently overwhelmed by the form's clarity and visual impact. And best of all, the difficult bit for masochists wanting to work out their own bill was now well separated from the rest of the return and could safely be ignored or dropped in the nearest bin by the vast majority. The Revenue denied there

had been a policy shift to encouraging people away from working out their own tax. Of course people who wanted to, could, said Doug Smith. programme director for self-assessment. As far as the Revenue was concerned, it cost the same to process returns, regardless of who worked them out.

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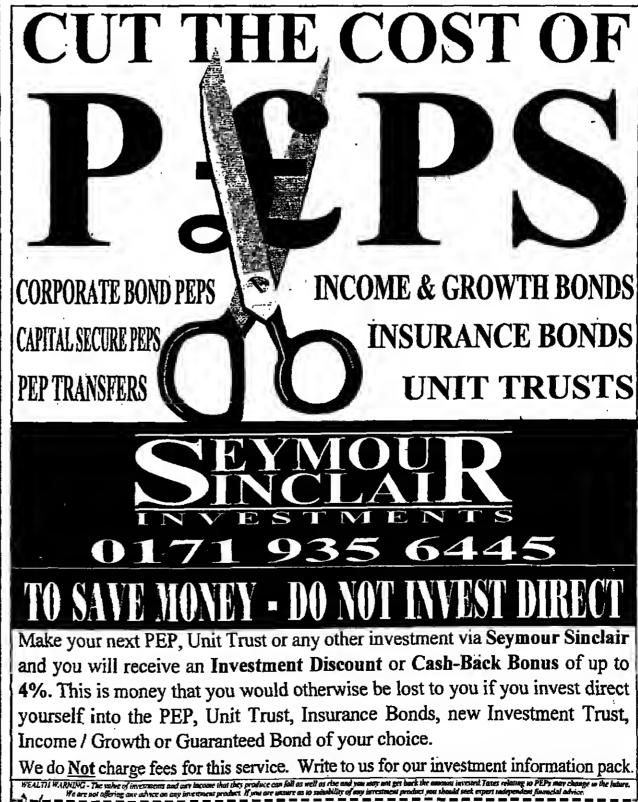
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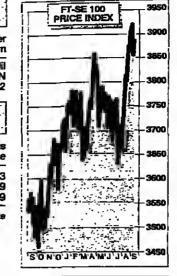
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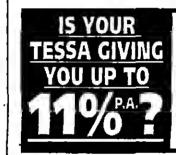
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	Property Fund	309.90	325.60	• 0.30
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- 1	Special Sits	260,10	915.10	- 5.00
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- 1	Zatra Income Ed	477.20	507.70	- 0.40
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	European	190.40	192.00	- 240
	Adventurous Mg	243,70	256,90	- 2.20
	Secure Med	170.30	179.40	- 0.40
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- 1	UK Equity Fd	402.70	428.50	- 1.50
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- 1	Global Managed	562.50	578.60	- 210
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Pros and cons of company cars

From Mr C. Wales Sir. Marianne Curphey has left an important consideration out of the equation when showing the pros and cons of company cars |A Question of

Money, August 24]. Under the Fixed Profit Car Scheme (FPCS), the Inland Revenue allows you to be reimbursed a fairly generous tax-free mileage allowance by your employer when using your own car on company business. The current scale permits a maximum of 61p per mile for the first 4,000 miles per year in 2+ litre car. followed by 33p per mile for subsequent miles. The figures for a car of 2 litres or less are 43p per mile for the first 4,000 miles, and 23p thereafter.

Looking at the example. which was a choice between a £26,000 car or a salary increase of £5,000 per year for an employee covering an average of 10,000 business miles per year, I would suggest that the employer would pay about £7.000 per year for a contract hire car, plus maybe E800 for insurance, plus £900 (ie, 9p per mile) reimbursed to the employee for petrol for the husiness miles, and finally Class IA National Insurance contributions of about £630 on the benefit. This means the employer is currently paying about £9,330 each year.

For the same overall cost, if you were thinking of giving up your company car, you could be offered a deal whereby you are reimhursed £4,400 tax free for your husiness miles under the FPCS, plus a pay rise of £4.406 (ie. £4.930 net of employer's NI contributions).

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After 40 per cent tax, the pay rise would be cut to £2,680 but the mileage allowance of £4,400 would be tax-free. Adding these two together, plus £2.426 tax saved because you do not have the benefit of a £26,000 company car, gives a figure of £9.680 per year to buy and run your own car.

That should be enough to run a pretty decent car and have some change in your pocket. But unforunately your employer might be wanting to make a saving so you could end up with some sort of compromise.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES WALES. March Cottage, 7 Van Diemen's Lane,

WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

When interest rates were decided every Thursday afternoon From Mr George Rawley Sir, In reply tn Mr G.K. Moore tPay a fair rate of interest, August 17) on 1930s interest rates, they depended on the bank rate announced by the Bank of England each Thursday afternoon.

In the high street banks, borrowing rates were described as "t per cent (or more) over bank rate, minimum 5 per cent". Only very large borrow-ers of undoubled integrity could borrow at 4 per cent.

As for interest allowed to savers, the deposit rate was always 2 per cent below bank rate. In the worst of the 1930s Depression when the bank rate fell to 3 per cent, the high street banks allowed 2 per cent on deposit accounts and this persisted for some time. Yours faithfully. GEORGE RAWLEY. No 2 The Marlinespike, Shoreham Beach, Sussex



Over 7 and other little wrinkles the Revenue gets up to

for delay must be given. So, Miss Brocklebank and

other troubled souls, contact

The Revenue won't like it,

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your taxes are supporting with salaries etc. You'll be amazed

how soon you'll get a suitable reply and action!

Yours faithfully,

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and you will get results.

From Mr E. Griffiths Sir. with regard to Miss Brocklebank's letter (Mr Taxman do wake up. August

t note that far too many seasoned accountants and many of the general public live in awe - if not abject fear - of the Inland Revenue. What

Those who are familiar with folder easily identifiable by a the workings of the Inland big red sticker on the front, Revenue will know well the meaning that you are not easily fobbed off with glib depart-mental waffle and that you "Over 7" list which had to be diligently completed every don't take "No" for an answer. Friday.

For the uninitiated, this relates to the Inland Revenue's arrangements for handling

Post from the general public was to be answered within one to 365 days, interdepartmental post within one month, post from a Member of Parliament either by return of post or within seven days. If the full information on the case is not

ERYL GRIFFITHS, Wrexham, North Wales.

Woolwich takes a hard line with carers for the learning-disabled

From Mrs C. Gossage Sir. The letter from Pam Hannam of Bristol Mencap (Halifax discrimination. Weekend Money Letters, August 31) may be unduly optimistic. For instance, to share in the distribution by the Woolwich Building Society, a person with learning disabilities will not merely have to rely on the horiesty of the first-

her account. If the first-named person also holds a qualifying Woolwich account in their own name, the learning-disabled person will not qualify for shares as "you cannot be a qualifying member in more than one capacity" (letter to me from the Woolwich, May 8,

On this basis, I would not be surprised if the majority of

available, at least an From Mr N.P.E. Wheeler acknowledgement and reason Sir. I - and doubtless many other self-employed readers have recently received identi-cal form letters from the Inland Revenue.

They start "I have received your accounts for this period but have not examined them". The next sentence says that the accounts appear to be incomplete.

Such a conclusion could only be reached after at least a superficial examination which would have revealed, at least in my case, that the accounts were complete.

The process of self-assessment promises to be inexpressibly tedious. It can only be made worse if it is directed on the same illogical lines as this opening gambit. Yours faithfully. N.P.E. WHEELER 20 Cavendish Road.

Yours faithfully.

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ing qualifying accounts (albeit in the names of appointees) in the relevant building societies will be found to be ineligible P.G. COX, The Forstal, Little Chart. Ashford, Kent.

for a payout.
Perhaps the societies could let us have some statistics?

Incompetent bank staff

From Ms Julie Alexander Sir. The incompetence of the banking system never fails to amaze. In June, Lloyds Bank agreed to honour a cheque I was to pay to my son by transferring funds from my deposit account to cover it.

In July my statement arri-ved showing they had not made the required transfer. The usual apologies followed with confirmation that there would be no interest charges. In August my statement arrived informing me that I was to be charged L8 fixed charge and £68.89 interest.

Apologies followed and being offered £30 compensation I held out for £50 which

they eventually agreed.

And all because my instructions were not carried out and promises were broken. Whatever happened to service? Yours faithfully, JULIE ALEXANDER. 50 Radnor Walk, SW3.

Sound practice

From Mr P.G. Cox

Sir, Here, for a change, is an example of good business practice. I applied for £1,000 of stock in the Somerfield Share Offer via Hargreaves Lansdown. My cheque was event-ually returned indicating I had withdrawn my bid - this was untrue. I protested to Hargreaves Lansdown and the offering house, Kleinwort Benson. Both were sympathetic but offered no redress. However, one or both must have contacted Lloyds Bank Registrars as the latter have accepted that I was not notified of the need to accept the revised offer. I have now been offered £1,000 worth of stock at the issue price of 145p or a cheque for £82 representing today's premium. This is a just and honourable settlement -

may f commend it to other business houses? Yours faithfully.

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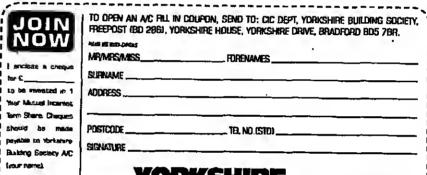
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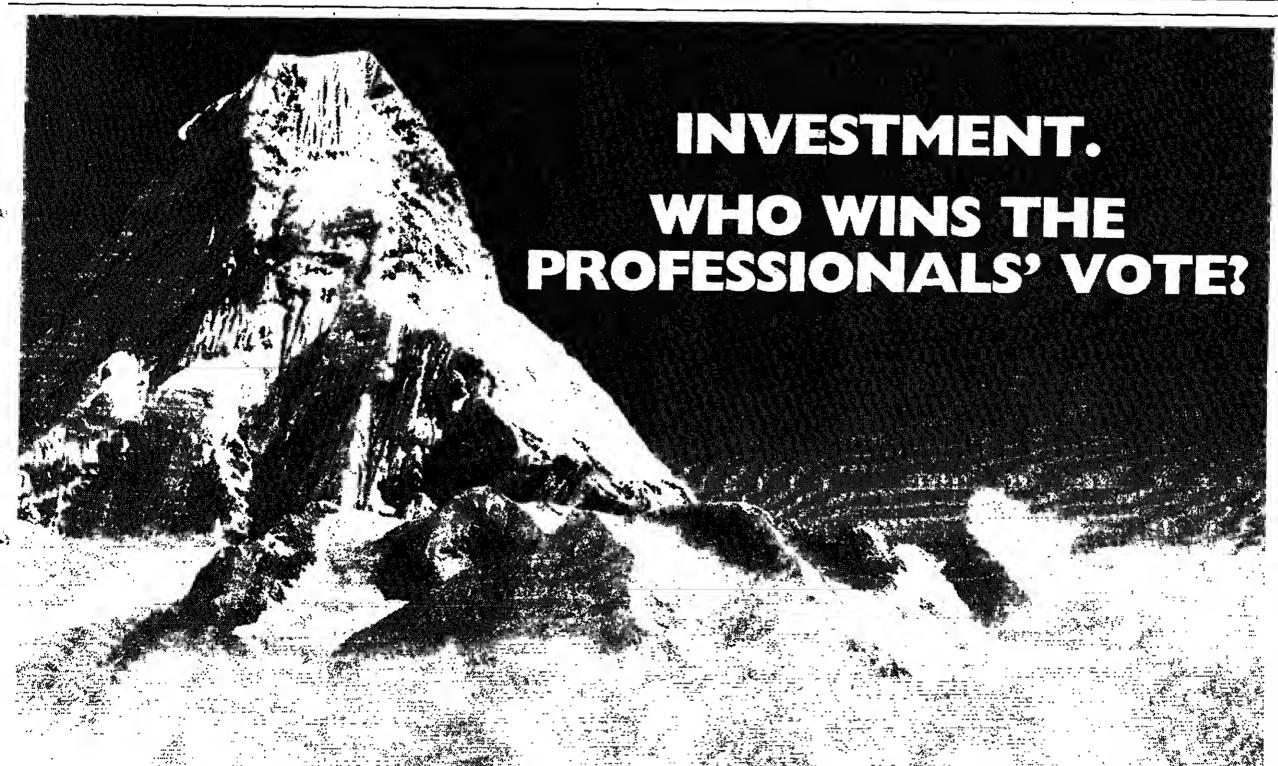
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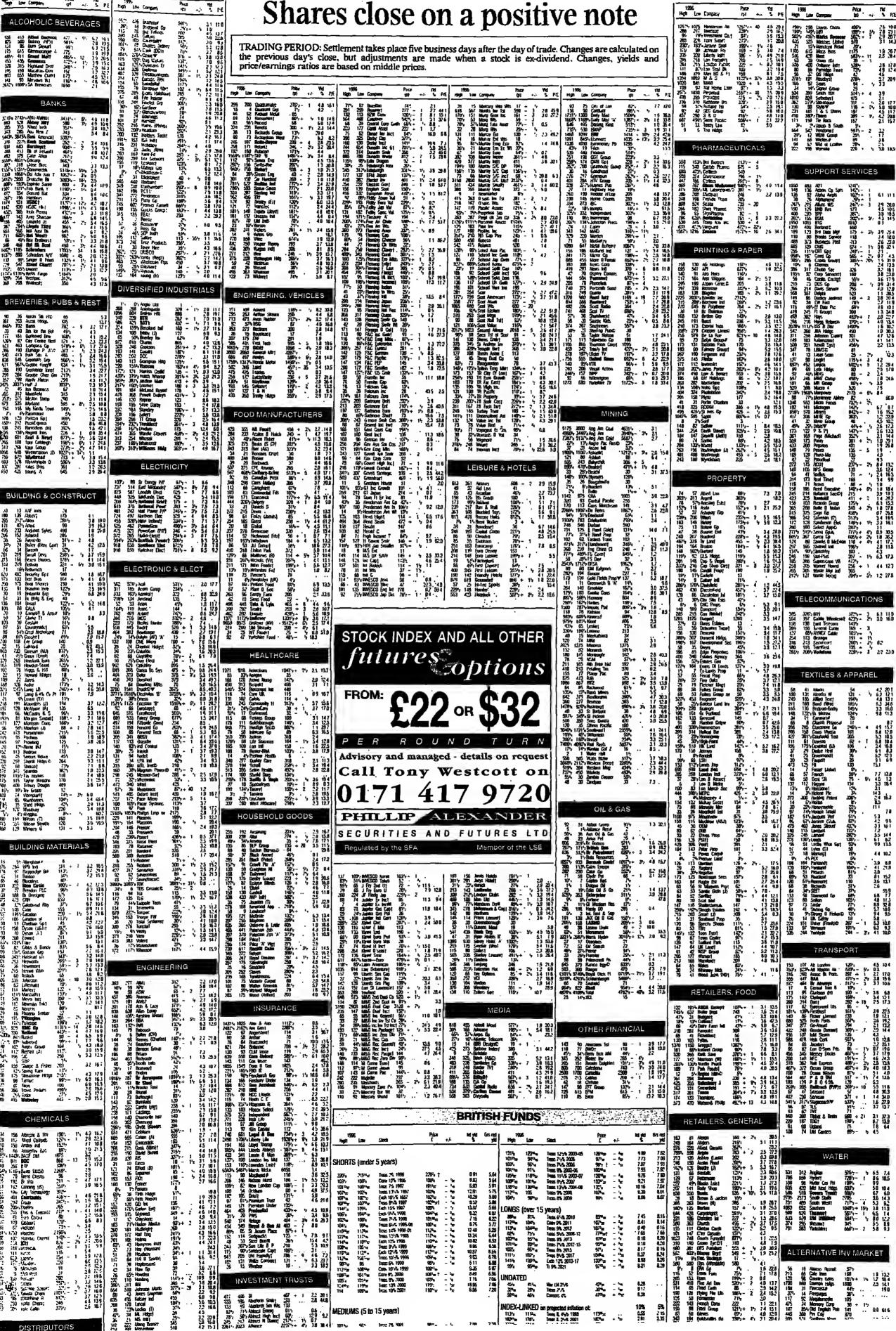
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Lucayan Prince can add top sprint to Loder's recent haul

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

DAVID LODER would be ideally placed to write A Tale of Two Seasons after experiencing the highs and lows of being a trainer this year. After a spring in which a classic dream perished as his Newmarket yard was laid low for four months with assorted ailments, his fortunes have been transformed in the past few weeks by horses running out of their skins.

At Haydock and Kempton today there is every reason to believe he will continue the hot streak which has seen 14 of his last 37 runners return to the winner's enclosure - and there could even be a bonus of

a group one victory.
The Haydock Park Sprint Cup, the feature race of the day, is not particularly punterfriendly. At first glance, Miesque's Son looks a worthy favourite and has been backed down from 3-1 to around 7-4 this week to give French-based John Hammond his third success in this race after the victories of Polar Falcon and Cherokee Rose.

The lightly-raced four-yearold produced his best effort

behind Europe's top sprinter. Anabaa, in the group one Prix Maurice de Gheest over 612 furlongs at Deauville last month and is clearly improving. The form is almost identical to that of the Lodertrained Lucavan Prince, who followed home Anabaa in the

July Cup. However, Miesque's Son, who was cantpaigned over

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Nap: APPREHENSION (5.00 Haydock Park) Next best: Greenstead (2.30 Haydock Park)

seven and eight furlongs as a three-year-old. appears to need every inch of six furlongs. He previously won at Evry in the final strides of the race and stayed on to get second place behind Anabaa. Lucayao Prince has a far higher cruising speed but needs exaggerated waiting tactics. Frankie Dettori should be able to cover up his mount

from a wide draw and the champion jockey is just the man to produce the talented but slightly mercurial character at the right time. Of the remainder, Barry Hills is expecting a big run from Royal Applause after a confidenceboosting victory at Doncaster

five weeks ago.

While the wisest course of action for punters may be to keep their powder dry, they can follow two other Loder runners with confidence.

Apprehension, a Sheikh Mohammed-owned son of In The Wings, has long been regarded as one of the nicer two-year-olds in the yard and he should be able to open his account in the EBF Altrincham Maiden Stakes (5.00) at

Earlier. Starboroogh will command considerable support in the Grosvenor Casinos Sirenia Stakes (3.45) at Kempton. The Soviet Star colt barely came off the bridle when making a winning debut at Thirsk 15 days ago and has scope for further improvement. He can see off Arethusa and Moonshine Girl.

One So Wonderful offers classic hint

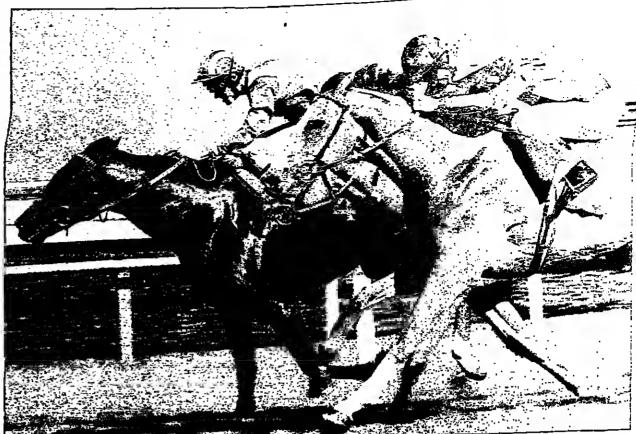
THE broadest of classic hints was duly delivered at Kemptoo yesterday but the source came as a complete surprise. One hour after Cap-tain Collins failed to land the odds on his racecourse debut, One So Wonderful sauntered to victory in the Milcars Fillies Stakes to earn a 20-1 quole from Ladbrokes for next year's 1,000 Goineas.

A sense of providence appears to have governed Egon Weinfeld's dealings with One So Wonderful. Weinfeld, whose Helena Springfeld Ltd owns and bred the filly, was unwilling to part with her for the 240,000 guineas be was offered at auction last year. If the reserve looked expensive Weinfeld's naming of the horse implied be knew exact ly what he had on his hands.

Racegoers were let in oo the secret yesterday as One So Wonderful streaked 3's lengths clear of Alphabet in the Milcars Fillies' Conditions Stakes over seven furloogs. Her performance was all the more encouraging for her appearance in the paddock. Although she radiated quality. One So Wonderful, a May foal, was plainly backward.

"She is unfurnished and a litle weak," her trainer, Luca Cumani, said. "She works nicely at home but it was good to see her quicken to win her race."

Cumani well knows this family: he trained One So Wonderful's half-sister, Rela-



Falak fends off the grey Captain Collins in the Milcars Chertsey Lock Conditions Stakes at Kempton yesterday

tively Special, herself a group

winner in minor company. There was little with which to assess Captain Collins's defeat by Falak in the Milcars Chertsey Lock Conditions Stakes. Rumoured to be among Peter Chapple-Hyam's best two-year-olds,

Captaio Collins did not impress in appearance and al-most certainly lost the race through inexperience. Nevertheless, this was a disappointing performance from a stable whose unraced juve-

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given the benefit of the doubt. Many will have formed the maintaining the son of impression that King Sound. Caerleon lacked confidence who finished fourth, was the at home, If a gentle racebest prospect in the race. A course introduction does all it 550,000-guinea yearling puris reputed for a two-year-old's chase, the colt was so tenderconfidence. King Sound will ly handled by Willie Ryan almost certainly leave this that a stewards' inquiry was inevitable. Connections were showing well behind.

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Greenstead can collect again

HAYDOCK PARK

BBCI 2.00. Despite winning his last two starts. Young Duke remains well handicapped. while the in-form Maple Bay goes for his tenth success this year after winning at Ponte-fract on Monday. The lightlyraced Trafalgar Lady was set plenty to do before finishing strongly behind Whittle Rock at Newmarket last time.

The well-drawn Warming Trends is an interesting contender despite a lengthy layoff, but Primo Lara can bounce back to winning form. He was unsuited by the step back to six furlongs at York last time and should be suited by this trip.

2.30: Greenstead obliged for this column last time and looks worth supporting here. John Gosden's progressive colt impressed when winning by 32 lengths from Brandon Magic and, although he has been raised 10lb, he looks sure to improve again over this longer trip. The lightly-raced Dacha was a good fourth to Celestial Choir at York and heads the dangers.

RACELINE

3.30: see above

HAYDOCK



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION KEMPTON PARK

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3.45: see above. 4.15: Although not the force he was two seasons ag Cezanne is still smart and was a respectable fifth to First Island in the Queen Arme Stakes at Royal Ascot. Salmon Ladder should appreciate the return to this trip after just failing to catch Annua Mirabilis over ten furlongs at Windsor. However, preference is for Ela-Aristokrati, who was fourth to Halling in the Coral-Eclipse before chasing home the impressive Tamayaz at Haydock. Luca Cumani's run-

ner can go one better. 4.45: In a tough finale for armchair viewers, Haya Ya Kefaah is a tentarive choice after a good run here behind Welcome Parade. That race came after a 15-week lay-off but earlier in the season Norman Babbage's runner twice won well-contested handicaps at Doncaster and clearly goes well in big fields. Leading Spirit, Artic Courier and Roisin Clover invariably

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HAYDOCK PARK

3.30 Blue Duster

4.00 Castieres Led 4.30 Embankment

THUNDERER

2.00 Primo Lara 2.30 Greenstead

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

2.30 WHITECHAPEL Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Greenstead, 3.00 BESIEGE (nap), 5.00 Apprehension.

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2.00 STANLEY LEISURE GROUP HANDICAP (£6.125: 71 30vd) (16 runners

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GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1.45 GROSVENOR CASINO RAMSGATE EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-O: £3,111: 6f) (14 runvers)

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EVALED CRYSTAL (Rbs y Power) C Larges, 8-11

BLANE WATER ICT Racing I Idi J Farstrane 8-11

ZISI BOLD TANA 25 (SP) (Nrs. C Harmigna) R Harmon 8-11 ...

CUGRAN (Miss B Sents) B Balding 8-11

55 GOOD NEWS 19 (I Burnayo M Madyanak 8-13 ...

G PUALANAT 22 (H A Madyanay M Hera 8-11 ...

LOCHAMGEL (J Smith) I Balding 8-11

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NATIVE PROMCESS (C Comm) B Hist 8-11

SILVER RUSTAL (Se For Parker) R Alectura 8-13

TRUTONIC LASS (Heramon's Soul) P Walvyn 8-11

VILLARGA (R Sangster) P Chapite-Hyam 8-11

VIRNI PROMCESS 17 (A Soil) B Mechan 8-12

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VIRNI PROMCESS 17 (A Soil) B Mechan 8-11 Martin Dwyer (5)
C Nutter
J D Scalin (5)
T Quicon BETTING: 11-4 Witanes, 3-1 Injuried, 5-1 Bold Tine, 8-1 Blane Water, Native Princess, Lockwegel 18-1 Ar Hyd Y Knos 12-1 Teulonic Lass, 14-1 others

2.15 GROSVENOR CASINO RAMSGATE EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (DIV II. 2-Y-O: £3,095; 61) (14 rumers)

1995: PRIMA VOLTA 8-11 R Hughes (7-11 R Harres 15 can

2 ALINHAS 28 (H. A. Mantoure) H Tromson Jones 5-11
ALINAYS ON MY MIND (Alexants Suct) P Manto 6-11
CRAYPSO LAWY (Mrs. D. Wayth) R Hawson 6-11.
D FRSST PAGE 94 (LawY Howard on Watter) W Janes 6-11
G ROUNSSING WAY 22 (Alex A Chandra) R Charlton 8-11. O FLOURSHMEN SYMY ZZ (MAS A CHRINGTO) IN CHRISTIAN
3 HOPES CEM ID SHOOKE) E BRIGHT 8-11

JUNE (1 MARL) 1 MARL 5-17

5 MASS REVERA ROSE 25 (J Peace) G Wang 8-11

ROSY DUTLOOK (J STAIR) | Balden 8-11

SELENT MERACLE (M Your) M Bed 8-11

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1995: NO CORPRESPONDING DIVISION 2.45 GROSVENOR CONNOISSEUR CASINO FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (£4.629: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Kinlochews 7-2-3athlide: 9-2 Poppy Carew. 5-1 Ta Awart, 8-1 Elize Andersky: 7-1 Berenkez, 10-1

3.15 SEOFFREY HAMLYN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,956: 1m) (19 runners) Long handkap: Mirrosa 7-6 BETTING: 5-1 Sylven Princess, 8-1 Proof Monk, 7-1 Blue Plyer, 6-1 Forest Rober, 16-1 Squiry's Occasion Coality, 12-1 others 1995: CONCER UN 9-1 T Quinn (6-1 lav) S Wifferns 15 ran

3.45 GROSVENOR CASINOS SIRENIA STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,576: 61) (7 rumers) | 1 (3) | 352212 DOUBLE-J 24 (BEP) (D Arnilage) K McAulife 8-11 | T Sprake 77 | 2 (2) | 1 JOHENN STACCATO 14 (D.S.) (J Smith J Eustace 8-11 | J Take 88 | 3 (1) 21620 MASCRATI MONK 14 (D.G.) (The Taxee Bears Racrog) B Meehan 8-11 S Sanders BY 4 (7) | 1 STAMBORROUSH 19 (D.G.) (Shirth Mohammer) D Lader 8-11 | T Gamm 81 S (5) | 1202 ARETHUSA 16 (C.F.) (Lord Camanion) R Harmon 8-6 | Dane D'Neill 8 | 6 (4) | 135 MODENSHINE CIRL 16 (G.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6) | STIP PAPTIA 26 (D.F.) (Shaeet Allacour Al Maskatomin M Saolas 8-6 W Carson 91 7 (6)

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1995: RAMBLING BEAR 6-11 Stephen Davies (7-2) M Blanshard 6 ran

1 (5) 40/4-031 SACRAMENT 114 (F.5) (Cherriey Park Stud) M Stoute 5-0-5 W R Swindown 90 140 04/265 CEZAMES 51 (F.6.5) (Rockspin) S bin Surgor 7-9-0 R HBs. 89 3 (6) 85-0142 ELA-ARISTURRATI 28 (F.5) (A Michael) L Currani 4-9-0 D Urbins 97 17 110212 SALARON LACCIEN 14 (F.5.5) (M Arbeil P Cole 48-0 T Currani 4-9-0 M HBs. 84 50 17 07332 SHEER CARRES 16 (F.5.5) (R Arcsil R Arratrony 4-9-0 M HBs. 84 6 (2) 905-41 BALL GOWN 14 (F.6.5) (C Ures) 0 Thorn 6-8-11 D R MicCable 88 7 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (S.5) (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 Dame 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (Salesh Al Hernetol R Hammon 3-8-6 D Gran 0'Meil 77 (3) 215-045 LOMBERT 19 (3) 215-045 BETTING: 7-4 Bet-incrived, 5-2 Settlement, 4-1 Settlement Lader, 6-1 Cetavine, 12-1 Ball Grown, 16-1 Steet Caroly, Lumberto. 1995: BUROOJ 5-9-0 B Thomson (5-1) D Morkey 7 rat

FORM FOCUS SACRAMENT bad Purishment 161 in 4-numer group I Providence to Chaldenty of Describe (tips et 110yd, group). CEZARGE should it find it 12 to First lated in group if Prince of World States at Royal lated in group if Prince of World States at Royal lacod (1 m 21, good to firm) ELA-ARISTERGANT is 2nd of 8 to Tampset in group if Rose of Lancader Chief, at Montande of tim. 21 12thed model in Grout SALMON LACOER 34 2nd of 5 to Annes Mitables in group 8 Winter Hill States at Windsor (1m 21, soft) SHEER DARZES 1341 2nd of 22 to Delessan Chor of hordicap at visit (1m 40, good to Birm) BALL GOWN bost Henry Island 41 to 13-runnor Rundsca at Hemmates (1m 21 good) Selection, FLA-ARSTOKRATI

16 (15) 5-2210 MATTIMED 16 (F) (Mrs Li Acogh) A Jarvis 3-8-6 BETTING: 5-1 Stately Dencer, 6-1 Pictol 7-1 Leading Sourt, 8-1 Filtrefilliam, Mr Browning, 10-1 Artic Fourier Tappeng, 12-1 others: 1995. PERSIAN ELITE 4-9-6 T Quant (12-1) P Cole 11 ran FORM FOCUS PISTOL bed Newport Anight short-head in Bath handleap Him 21 Hayd, good) with TAPPETD 14th better) (*1 3rd FITZWILLAM 41 Sh to Myzinc Hill in Newtory handleap Him 36 Sh to Myzinc Hill in Newtory handleap Him 36 Sh to Myzinc Hill in Newtory handleap Him 36 Sh to Myzinc Handleap Him 31 Sh to House Hill Him 31 Sh to Handleap & Carack (Im 41, good to term). MR BROWNING short-head Zhel to Casual Water in Goodwood Nandicap (Tim 4) good to firm) perultomate start with ROISIN CLOVER (5th better) 8×15h. FARRY KNIGHT 111 3vd to Araban Story in Epoch manufeer refer? handicap (tim 41, good) with ROISIN CLOVER (2th better) 2019th. HAYA YA KEFAAH 1141 3vd 10 Welcome Parade in course and distance handicap (good) with LEADING STPRIT (2th better) 1/41 3vd Selection* HAYA YA KEFAAH 5.15 GROSVENOR CASINO READING APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£3,225: 1m 2f) (20 runners) 1. 1m 2f) (20 runners)

9. 339403 MA PETITE ANGLAISE 20 (F.G) (K Saow) W Janvs. 4-10-0 . T Thomas (7) 96

1. 125925 GOLDEN TOUCH 64 (CD.BF.F.G) ride; R Godfey) D Cosprore 4-9-9 M Notice (5) 90

1. 125925 FSTORF 24 (G.D.BF.F.G) ride; R Godfey) D Cosprore 4-9-9 M Notice (5) 90

2. 550-006 WARMI SPELL 137 (D.G.S.) IN Higher 13-6 GOMEN SPELL 137 (D.G.S.) IN HIGH 13-6 GOMEN SPELL 13-6 G BETTING: 5-1 Ma. Perit: Anglaise. 6-1 Calcit 7-1 Flag Fon. 8-1 Pal's Splendout. Harvey White 10-1 Absolutelysteming Ferm's Covernor 12-1 other: 1995; LADY SABINA 5-7-9 J Wikinson (4-11 W Musson 10 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Res 17 21 66 39 63

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Star Profile to win for sponsor

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

STAR PROFILE can allow the in the Heinz 57 because the sponsor to keep the first prize in tomorrow's Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh. The Dermot Weld-trained filly races in the colours of Walter Haefner's stud and, with the ground at the Curragh likely to be good. Star Profile can hold off the three Brinsh raiders, headed by the Lowther winner, Bianca Nera.

Michael Kinane considers good ground to be essential for Star Profile to show her best. "She is a lightly-made filly with a good action. We ran her

race looked to be cutting up. but she is not a sprinter and was caught out in the early part of the race." Kinane said. Improvement is expected. but it will be needed if she is to account for David Loder's Bianca Nera, supplemented for IrEI2,500.

Kevin Darley's mount is likely to start favourite but better value could be Crystal Crossing, who beat Omaha City at Newbury. Doneaster maiden winner, Ryafan, completes the British challenge.

CURRAGH TOMORROW BBC2

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5~	Bionce N	era. 3-1	Crystal Crossing, 9-2 Air Ol Distriction, 5-1 Star Proble, 1-1 Azia, Family Tradition, 12-1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.05 (Im 8) 92vd) 1. DURHAM (S
Whitworth, 10-1): 2. Ayunti (G Carter, 6-1).
3. Euphonic (Pa) Eddery, 6-11. ALSO RAN5-1 tav Supreme Star (6th), 7 Nordansk
(4th). 10 Norsong. 12 Greenwich Agein,
Cutstaved Wolcome. 14 E Voledor, Requested, Sarasota Storm, Stelled, 16 The
Lad, 20 Tirolette (5th) 14 tan 41, 24s, rk, 11,
11. H Howe at Tiverion, Tote £90; £3 50,
£2 80, £2 40 DF £37 30 Tho: £112 10
CSF-£58 24 Tricast £372 28

2.35 (6t) 1. JEFFREY ANOTHERBED (8)

CSF: ES8 24 Tricest: E372.28
2.35 (6f) 1. JEFFREY ANOTHERRED (R Hughes, 12-1), 2. Dencethenlightsway (Marin Duyer, B-1), 3, Lucky Onlowcod (G Foultmer, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 tay (Standard, 5 Love Hos No Pride, 8 Hurgill Sches (6f), 16 Bluebell Miss, (Riculten Lad, 20 Bapstord (5th), Miss Barredona, 25 Rock, Fartasy, 14 ran, NR Barredona, 25 Rock Fartasy, 14 ran, NR Barredona, 25 Rock Fartasy, 14 ran, NR Barredona, 50 E30 50 Tro. \$133.70. CSF £105.50. Tricest, 21,310.84

Tricast, £1,310,84

3.05 (7) 1. FALAK (R HBs, 5-1); 2. Captein Collins (J Reid, 4-6 tav); 3. Mukasidar (R Cochrane, 10-1) ALSO RAN-5 King Sound (4th), 20 Tango King, 33 Caherius (5th), Floedom Chance, 5mH, 50 Paciaus (6th), Inple Hay 10 ran, NR Fetal Baraan Hd, nk, 3%!, %!, 8!, W Hem at Lamboum, Tote; £5.00; £1.50, £1.10, £1.80, DF; £2.80 Trio £5.00, CSF £8.33 Fatal Baraan (14-1) withdrawn, not under profess—nule 4. withdrawn, not under orders — rule opplies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound applies to all bets, deduction 55 in pound 3 40 (Im) 1, CENTRE STALLS (J Boud, 8-11, 2, Wizard King (6 Duffield, 2-1 lav); 3, Verzen (D R McCable, 20-1) ALSO RAN; 3 Hammerstein (4th), 5 Sergeyev, 8 Pagnooz (6th), 16 Chief Borundi (5th), 33 Mawyud 8 ran, 1 kl, 3bt, nk, 3bt, bt, R Johnson Houghton at Didoot Tote: £3 90, £2 40, £1 10, £3,50 DE £10 10 CSF: £23.30.

E1 10, E3,50 DF £10 10 CSF: £23,30, Urban, 5-1), C. Alphabet (R. Cochrane, 5-1), 3. Alphabet (R. Cochrane, 5-1), 3. Noble Dane (Pat Eddery, 4-1 (av), ALSO RAN: 9-2 All is Fair, Western Hour (6th), 7 Desert Beauty, 8 kafet (1th), 14 Dust Dancer (5th), 16 Northern Plass, 20 Top Shell, 30 Laguria Bay, 11 nan, 35t, 144, Ind. 4., Ind. L. Curriari at Newmarket, Total: E3 40: £17, 0.2240, £15,0 DF: £25,60 Time £132,10 CSF £23,39 £132.10 CSF 622 39
4.40 (7h 1, SHARP SHUFFLE (R Hughes, 8-1), 2, Time OI Night (D Griffiths, 7-1 play), 3, Night Of Glass (N Day, 7-1 play), 4, Peojunds (D Utrain, 7-1 play), 4LSO RAN 7-1 play Alsoyah, 15-2 County Thatch, 9 Out Line, 10 Sovereigns Courf, 14 Mutan, Redskin Lady, 16 Yeath, 20 Somitar, Sea Canage (5th), 2 Sodmersham Park (6th), Internati, Mansab, Roem Fever 17 ran 114, hd, 1%, 1%, 1%, Red R Handring at East Everheich, Tore 27 30: R Hannon ar East Everleigh, Toto: £7.30 £2.00, £2.70, £1.90, £2.50 DF: £38.40 Trio £62.90 CSF £63.40 Tricast £397.53. Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,293.7) carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Haydock Park Going: good

2.15 (1m 30yd) 1, Palio Sky (T Ounn, 11-10 lan, 2, Supreme Sound (16-1); 3, Trage (14-1), 14 ran 2, 21 J Dunlop Tote £2.20; 21 10, £5.00, £2.70 DF: £59.70, Tro £186.10 CSF £22.17

Placepot: £155.50. Quadpot: £11.50

2.45 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Dauphen (Mr T McCarthy, 7-1); 2, Induna Mkubwa (16-1), 3, Ceridh Star (9-2), Abanho Mac 4-1 jr-lav 14 ian. NR: Gunner B Special St, 41, W Musson, Torio (28.30, 62.50, 65.10, 62.10 DF: 6138 90, 1no (165.80 CSF: 6105.25 Tricast, 5521.95 3.15 (5) 1, Hattab (T Sprake, 13-2); 2, Frutana (13-2); 3, Caution (7-2) Deneture 2-1 law, 14 ran, 3-4, 44, P Walwyn, Tote; 98 50; 24 00, £1 80, £2 00 DF £11 90. Tno; £24.20, CSF £55.04.

E24.20. CSF: E55.04.

3.50 (6) 1, No Monkey Nuts, (J Carroll, 8-1), 2, Cross Of Valour (16-11: 3, Forentia (16-1) Navigete 5-2 lav 9 ran. 1-ki, 1-ki, J Berry, Tote 57.00; E 50, C440, C3 30, DF: £27.90. Tno: £298.80. CSF £81.38

4.28 (6), 11, Petraco (J Brantvill, 14-1) 11, Superbid (T Quinn, 8-1): 3, Poisr Retiran (11-4 lav): 4, Dommella (7-1) 22 ran NR: Be Warned, Penny Parkas Dd-H, nk. N Smith, B McMalhon, Tote; Petraco £7.70, Superbid £3.90; Petraco £3.90, Superbid £63.15, Superbid £90, £1.50. £2.00. DF; £41.20 Tho: £360.00 CSF: Petraco, Superbid £63.15, Superbid; Polar Retman £192.15, Superbid, Petraco, Polar Retman £185.47.

4.50 (6) 1, Commander Jennes (M Teibbutt, 4.50 (6) 1, Commander

Petraco, Poter Hernan E185.47.
4.50 (80) 1, Commander Jones (M Tebbutt, 5-1): 2, Contravene (10-1): 3, Bonnie Lassie (14-1) Downy 3-1 (av. 19 an. NF: Pante Park, Victora's Dream. 19t, hd. B Mechan, Tote: £7,70; £2 60, £3 80, £3.50, DF; £106 90, Taxi not won (pool of £729.13 camied forward to 4,00 at Haydock Park today). CSF: £59.99.

5.20 (1m 2! 120yd) 1, Sawa-ld (J Carrot, 2-1 tay, 2, Shatetseno (11-4); 3, General Glow (7-1), 10 ren, NR. Kirov Lady, Hd. St. J Gosden Tote: £3,10; £130, £180, £2.10 DF: £4.10 Trior £9.30, CSF; £8.21, Tricest; £30.58.

Placepot: £490,40. Quadpot: £139.60. Sedgefleid

Going: good to firm

2.25 (3m 3t ch) 1, The Gallopin'major (N Smith, 7-2). 2. George Astrond (3-4); 3, Dusryo Traé (14-1). Cuchulaine Good 5-4 lev 7 ran. 4, 101 Mrs M Reveley, Tete: 64,00; E2.40, E1.40 DF: 64.80 CSF; £10,96. 2.55 (2m 5l 110yd halle) 1, Red Valerian

7-2), 3, Storing John (11-2) 7 ran 4, 11l, G Moore, Tote E2:30: £1.70, £2:00. OF £7.40, CSF £9:40 27.40. CSR** 54 40 1, Magic Bloom (E Callaghan, 5-2 lay); 2, Stalgue Fort (5-1); 3, Cracking Frost (4-1) 6 ran. 10, 71. J Jefferson. Torer 52.90, 52.00, 52.30. DF. 56.30. CSF £14.42 10-10 in St ch) 1, Val De Rama (P Niven, 10-11 lavi; 2. Buvers Dream (13-2), 3, Cardinal Sinner (20-1), 9 ran, Nk, dist. Denys Smith, Tols; 62:00; 61:10, 61:30, 65:20, DF: 64:70 Tno: 678:40 CSF; 56:87. 4.30 (2m 5) 110vd hdls) 1, Sujud (R Gamhy, 5-2); 2, What's Secreto (9-1), 3, Forgotten Empress (13-8 lav), 12 ran, 71, M Hammond Tote: \$4.10; £150, 72.20, £1.20, DF; £10.00, Tno; £4.60, CSF; £27.95, 5.05 (2m II hobe) 1, Sues Leet (M Nowton, 13-2); 2, Tawati (6-4 lav), 3, Genesis Four (14-1) 15 ran NR Second Contract 13-2, 1, Justiceson Tote 511.60; 62-50, 61-40, 63.90, DF: 69-40, Trio: 615-10 CSF: 618-70

STRATFORD

2.20 Sir Pageant, 2.55 Royal Vacation, 3,25 Orange Order, 3.55 Sonic Star, 4,25 Royal Thimble, 4.55 Captain Khedive, 5.25 Scarnallach.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.20 RICHARDSONS BLACK PRINCE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,052: 2m 6f 110yd) (12 runners)

(£2,U32: 2m of 110y0) (12 sunners)

1 F-00 HOLY JUE 38 (F.G.S) 0 Buschell 14-11-12 J Prior (7)

2 Pr0- SR PAGEANT 103 (CD.S.S) h. Bridgester 1-11-1 J Culloty

3 P-3-8 ALMALJAR 12 (F.G.S) J Parlot 8-19-13 T J Marphy

4 35-2 ERLEMO 31 (V.S) W Cby 7-10-11 E Hasband

5 121 CAMARY BLUE 10F (CD.) P Holds 5-19-11 E Hasband

6 PS0/ 10 BE FAR 1617 (F) P Holds 9-19-10 8 Tourney

7 4-2 RECORD LOVER 4F (F) M Olograms 6-10-8 6 Hogan

8 630 EASY GVER 65 (F.G.S) Mry 0 Thornes 10-10-2 R Messey

9 -343 Kolls OF BABYLON 14 F Lordan 41-91 L Aspel

10 0002 BRAYO STAN 12 (F.G) P Fared 11-10-0 Michael Bressen

11 0-24 PEMARTH 9 (F) R Pace 10-10-0 R Fember

12 B-12 SARGAH 12 Prickering 7-10-0 P Homby

3-1 Carary Blue 7-2 To Be Fate, 9-2 Record Lover 6-1 Edemo, 7-1 Holy Joe. 8-1

Rang DR Babylon, Penkath, 19-1 others

2.55 CITY DF COVENTRY TROPHY
(Handicap chase, £3,899° 3m) (6)

1 12-1 EARLYMONNING LIGHT 16 £6,6 6 Rehards 7-12-0 A Dobbin
2 5301 MBLSKORA 11 (8,£6,8)P Hobbs 7-11-10 ... R Durnwoody
3 1-12 WATERFORD CASTLE 46 (D,£6,5) K Balley 9-11-3 T J Murphy
4 5-11 ROYAL VACATION 14 (D,£6) 8 Moore 7-11-1 ... J Calesphan
5 2111 MAPLE DANGER 21 (CD,£6) A Hobbs 16-11-0
Mr 6 Shenion (7)
6 3111 MAGGOTS GREEN 12 (£8,6) J Bradley 9-19-1 ... R Johnson
0.4 Externament Heat 3-1 Marie Bancer. 4-1 Musique, 9-2 Royal Vacation, 5-1 9-4 Earlymoming Light, 3-1 Maple Dancas, 4-1 Musticea, 9-2 Royal Vacation, 5-1 Maggets Green, 8-1 Waterlord Cacife

3.25 PERTEMPS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,458; 2m 110yd) (14)

5-2 Orango Order, 9-2 Stram, 5-1 Still Here, 0-1 Uncle George 8-1 Down The Yard, 10-1 Ann's Music, 12-1 others

3.55 DICK FRANCIS TO THE HILT NOVICES CHASE (£4,110; 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

5-4 Sonst Star, 7-2 Seakovik Reblover, 0-2 Mr Smaggle, 7-1 Rapid Fire, 19-1 Father Power, 16-1 Emustyman, 25-1 Lord Anton.

4.25 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,902: 2m 110yd) (7)

4.55 HARTSHORNE MOTOR SERVICES LTD (WALSALL) HANDICAP CHASE (£3,795; 2m 1/110yd) (7)

(2.5,F93; 27II IF 1 10y(3) (7)

1 FUS- CAPTAIN (NEDINE 157 (F.G.S) P Nicholts B-12-0 A P McCoy
2 1111 STATELY HOME: 12 (CD,F.G) P Bowen 5-11-7 — R Johnson
3 2272 MOBILELY 12 (CD,B.F.G.S) N Walker 9-10-8 — H Fortrait
4 22-4 LOWAWATHA 84 (P) Mrs B Houth B-10-8 — A Thomson
5 USP- REX TO THE RESCUE 152 (F.G) R Anner 9-10-3 — P Hentey (5)
6 64-6 SHREWD JUHN 85 (D,F.G) R Woodhouse 10-10-0 … M Dwyser
7 P/3 WINGSPAN 12 (F.G.S) A Mesconde 12-18-0 — JR Kawanagh
6-4 Captain Khedher, 2-1 Stanly Home. 5-1 Aublaly, B-1 Longweitha, 10-1 Strevtl
John, 12-1 Rus To The Rescue, 20-1 Wingspan.

5.25 AIRD CR (OLDBURY) NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 110yd) (7)

6-4 Daceto, 11-4 Scamallach, 7-2 Anabratich, 6-1 Million® Rimera, 19-1 Boyo, Smart Lond, 20-1 Albert The Lion

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: P Nicholts, 6 Winners from 15 runners, 40 0%, 0 Sherwood, 8 from 24, 33.3%; P Boves, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M Pipe, 25 from 96, 25.0%; O Nicholson, 13 from 54, 24.1%; P Hobbs, 12 from 57, 21.1%; JOCKEYS: S Wyone, 8 witners from 24 rdes, 33.3%; A Maguire, 26 from 95, 27 4%, R Dunebody, 21 from 97, 21.5%; P McLoughin, 5 from 25, 19.2%, A P McCoy, 15 from 80, 18.8%; 8 Johnson, 0 from 48, 18.6%.

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THUNDERER 7.00 Nakhal, 7.30 Great Hall, 8.00 South Eastern Fred, 8.30 Pericles, 9.00 Pearl Anniversary, 9.30 Itsimthepost.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 deauville maiden handicap E2,070: 1m 100yd) (13 runners)

1 5400 AMUSNIG ASIDE 38 J Watt: 3-9-10 6 Deffretd 3
2 0404 TEA PARTY 28 (BF) K Cumingham-Brown 3-9-9 8 Doyle 4
3 2500 KASS ALHARNA 21 0 Chapten 3-9-8 A Cultisane 8
4 2540 BASD00 16 (N 5 Woods 3-9-8 0 Bigs 11
5 4341 SILVER HARROW 38 A Newcombo 3-9-5 0 Gefflets (5) S
6 4000 JURA 93 J Scarge 3-9-3 M Femor 13
7 2600 BATH (NIGHT 10J D french Davis 3-9-3 M Femor 13
7 2600 BATH (NIGHT 10J D french Davis 3-9-3 M Henry (3) & 4559 AMSILS MCDATUP 30 B Micharton 3-9-3 P Michael (3) Z
8 4559 AMSILS MCDATUP 30 B Micharton 3-9-3 P Michael (3) Z
8 4500 MELUMARA 7 1 Naghlon 4-9-3 N Adams 12
10 0020 OLD HUSH WHIS 10 P Frasian 3-9-2 S Drowner 11
11 4340 NAUHHAL 26 (B) D Bayray Smith 3-9-1 F Lynch (3) f
12 0528 MCDUA'S PRINCESS 28 8 Michaelon 3-8-12 G Carter 13 0650 BLOSSOMWILL 31 M Lants 3-8-12 P Biomedial 4-1 Cham Hanner (8-1 Annas McContro, 7-1 1cq Party, 8-1 Amusing Asade, 19-(£2,070: 1m 100yd) (13 runners)

4-1 Salvas Hannar, G-1 Angus McContup, 7-1 1ca Party, B-1 Amusing Asade, 19-1 Besond Kass Albana, Nakital, 12-1 quiers.

7.30 SANTA ANITA CLAIMING STAKES (£2,070: 7f) (12)

5-2 Justaw Boy, 5-1 Fm Your Lady, People Direct, 6-1 Sts Garden, 19-1 Dragonjoy, Lady Sift, Dancing Stoco, 12-1 others.

8.00 WEATHERBYS DATA SERVICES HANDICAP
(£4,126: 1m 1179yd) (13).

1 1141 MY GALLERY T (C.F.B.S) A Bathy 5-10-0 D Wright (3) 12
2 3013 SUPPE HIGH 21 (B.C.G) P Honton 4-9-12 ... K Fallon 7
3 5020 JUST HARRY 16 (C.B.F.E.) M Ryan 5-9-11 ... M Band (5) 5
4 5530 EANTEO 36 (5) M Prescot 3-9-7 ... 6 Dutled to 5-5
5 2025 BENTICO 16 (CD.F.E.) MIS N Macauley 7-9-5, C Tengue (3) 10
6 0204 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 27 (CD.F.G.) H Collegating 5-9-6
M Rimmer 11

8.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,028: 6f) (13)

5-4 Penctes, 5-1 The Wyandotte Inn, B-1 Dom Ruinart, Senate Swings, 12-1 Red Garter, Verinder's Gill, Lochiass, 14-1 others.

9.00 VULCAN KIRKLAND SELLING HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 4f) (12)

1 0326 MEIGHTH OF FAME R3 (6) D Burthell 5-9-13 ... K Stand (7) 2
2 5026 ZATOPER 7 (V) J Culinus 4-9-10 ... F Lynch (3) 10
3 3060 DAVID JAMES GIRL 15 (C.5.5) A Bulley 4-9-9 O Wright (3) 1
4 5001 INDIRA 12 (D.6) P Morphy 3-9-6 ... S Drowns 11
5 -042 DANNISTAR 12 (C.6) P Frans 4-9-6 ... J F Epan 8
6 8004 SAHHAR 16 R Arrestrong 3-9-4 ... R Price 3
7 0205 VIPPY GRIL 12 J Wiston 3-9-3 ... 6 Carter 12
8 -302 SLIPPERY FIN 42 (B) W 6 M Torner 4-9-3 ... T Sprake 4
8 5505 FIJON 63 J Pearle 3-9-1 ... 6 Bardwell 5
10 5429 SYLVELLA 16 M Janets 3-0-12 ... P Broomfield 7
11 4523 PEARL ANNIVERSARY 9 (CD.6) M Johnston 3-8-11 8 Doyle 9
12 0040 EVER FRIENDS 23 R Hards 4-8-11 ... A Mackay 3-1 Indits, 8-1 Damester, 6-1 Pearl Analyses ary, 7-1 Heighth Of Faine, 8-1 Salitiar, Syhrelia, 10-1 Zalopek, 12-1 others.

9.30 CHANTELY HANDICAP (£3,003: 61) (13) N Lovelock (7) 12

3 OT41 MARJORIE ROSE 5 (C.6) A Bakey 3-9-11 (Fee)
Angele Salkmore (7) 8
4 D165 TIMES OF TIMES 18 (D.F.G) M Ryan 3-9-10 ... M Tebbutt 9
5 3206 RED ADMIRAL 31 (CD.F.G) C Marray 6-9-9... D McKeown 7
6 0-45 KUNG FRODE 56 (FF.6) B McKehon 4-9-9... G DMSEO 2
7 D033 KISMITHEPOST 22 (CD.G) V Soure 3-9-8... A McSione 11
6 3000 CHEEKY CHAPPY 20 (B.C.D.F.G.5) D Chapters 5-9-8 D Pasts (3) 1
0 5224 NAPER STAR 22 (V.C.D.G) Mr. to Maccaley 3-9-5 C Tengue (3) D
10 5005 RAMSEY MDFE 30 (V.D.F) C Fathers 3-9-4... K Felton 4
11 0802 ETRICACY 29 (D.D.F.) A Tengue (3) D
12 0000 NTEOWU, RAWSER 22 (CD.G) J A Hurts 3-9-4... J OTTER (7) 1
12 0000 NTEOWU, RAWSER 22 (CD.G) J A Hurts 3-9-4... J DTREMY 13
13 0203 NAUTHER BATCHWORTH 10 (D.D.G) E Wissels 4-9-4 I Sprake 3
4-1 Pageboy, 5-1 Marjorio Rose, 7-1 Cheeky Crappy, Times Dt Times, 9-1 Another Batchworth, 9-1 Efficicy, 10-1 Leigh Croßer, 12-1 Others 3 0141 MARJORIE ROSE 5 (C.S.) A Balley 3-9-11 (7e)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: C Dayer, 6 winners from 24 nomers, 25.0%, M Jarvis, 5 from 20, 25.0%, M Jarvis, 39 from 160, 24.4%, M Prescott, 17 from 79, 21.5%, P Haslam, 26 from 123, 21.1%. JOCKEYS: J O'Reilly, 3 wanners from 14 nifes, 21 4%; 8 Carter, 40 from 211, 10 0%, 6 Duffield, 20 from 142, 14.1%; F Lynch, 14 from 103, 13 6%, 1 Sprake, 11 from 88, 12.5%; 0 Wrigid, 24 from 107, 12.2%.

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THUNDERER 2.15 IVAN LUIS (nap). 2.50 Power Game. 3.20 Special-K 3.50 Rose Camival, 4,20 Tessajoe. 4.50 Daisy Bates. 5.20 Harriet's Beau.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS 8EST

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND UNDERWOOD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,834: 1m) (15 runners) | The color of the 6 Bastherd 9
0 Bogs 8
N Darley 9
... J Stack 5
A Wheten (3) 15
S Copp (5) 13
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6 Faudener (5) 4
... A Garth 3
6 Parlon (5)
1 Directory 14
... A Garth 3
1 Directory 14
... A Garth 3
1 Directory 14 1-4 Main Luns, 5-1 River Foyle, 6-1 Gilding The July 7-1 Investigate 10-1 Leith Lathanic, Greenwich Fore Inti Pol, 12-1 others

2.50 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION SELLING STAKES (£2,670-1m) (18)

1 6360 ANORYM 11 (8,0,F,G) 0 Nichols 4-3-6 2 2366 ROSEATE LODGE 5 (D.F,G) 5 keptemeli :0-9-6 2 2366 ROSEATE LODGE 5 (D.F.G) 5 neptends 19-9-6
JERRY BERSON (7) 4
3 0130 POMER GAME 7 (B.D.F. J. Berry 3-9-1
4 3000 BARAQUETA 14 J Eyre 4-9-0
5 :504 DARK SHOT 29 (V.6) N I Voler 2-9-0
6 00-0 TOP SIMPERS 5 N Wase 4-9-0
8 0-00 EURO DAPRESS 22 (B) 1 Exclusty 3-9-1
8 0-00 EURO DAPRESS 22 (B) 1 Exclusty 3-9-0
10 -060 MCGBLYCLODY REEKS 34 (F) N Taker 5-8-9
11 0500 MCGBLYCLODY REEKS 34 (F) N Taker 5-8-9
12 005 MCDSS 5 TAR 20 Mrs 5 Smen 3-8-9
13 00-0 MCBBL COLOURS 29 J Down 3-8-9
14 005 CAMERON EDGE 31 A MANDAGE 3-4
6 Fasting 15 9
15 0400 DESPOL DUCKESS 30 J Eyre 3-8-4
16 14166 LUCKY REVORDE 15 (C.F.) M Meage 3-8-4
17 40 NAMY-8 19 P Howleng 3-8-4
18 5502 TOMIC CHORD 10 J Fastinger 3-8-4
19 10 TOMIC CHORD 10 J Fastinger 3-8-4
19 10 TOMIC CHORD 10 J Fastinger 3-8-4
10 TOMIC CHORD 10 Jenny Benson (7) 4 K Darley 2 1 V: Maris 7

5-1 famo Chard, 6-1 Lucky Revenge, 7-1 Dark Shot, 8-1 Roseste Lodge, Poike Game, 19-1 Anorym, Septi Amoret, 12-1 others

3.20 BRENTWOOD GROUP ANNIVERSARY FILLIES HANDICAP (£4,612; 1m) (15)

5-1 Society Grf, 0-1 Formidable Uz, Pride Ol Penille, 7-1 Social-K, 8-1 Lapu-Lapu, 19-1 Dispoi Diamond, Perpetual Light, 12-1 other;

3.50 LLOYDS PRIVATE BANKING MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3.003: 7f) (11)

4.20 TOTE HAMBLETON CUP (Handicap: £5,959, tm 4f) (19)

7-1 Nigel's Lad, 8-1 Wate. Cardon Venture, 9-1 Shahik, Once More For Luck, 19-1 Brean The Rules, Achover, Master Hyde, 12-1 others

4.50 CHARTERHOUSE ADVERTISING AND MARKETING MAIDEN STAKES (£4,367: 67) (22)

Mottan (3) 19 Date Gloson 1 6 Bardwell 11 N Varies (3) 18 F Nortee 21 7-2 Waltstanesraft 5-1 Shannsky, 6-1 White Hare, 7-1 Foreign Relation, 8-1 Franca, Mindelth, 10-1 River 1em, 12-1 others.

5.20 YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,143: 51) (24)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Loder, 3 winners from 10 numers, 30.0%, M Camartin, 6 horn 21, 28.6%; S Woods, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Farchawe, 6 horn 23, 26.1%; M Skode, 9 from 35, 25.7%; P Cole, 3 from 12, 25.0% JOCKEYS: D Brogs, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; G Hind, 8 from 56, 14.3%; O Peers, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J Stack, 5 from 39, 12.8%

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock Park: 2.00 Herodian 2.30 Mattawan, Ouango, 3.00 Baieeq 4.00 Polly Golghity Kempton Park: 4.15 Lomberto 5.15 Burning Flame, Stratford: 3.25 Uncle George, Copper Diamond 3.55 Lord Antimir, Thirsks 2.15 ink Por, 2.50 Anonym. 3.50 Classic Parkyoor, Gipsy Princess 5.20 Belinda Blue, Hamet's Beau, Patama, Fancy Clancy, Young Ben Wolverhempton: 9.00 Zalopek.

All to play for in Moulin

ASHKALANI, Spinning Jacques le Marois at Deau-wille last month.

Spinning World enjoyed a comfortable half-length sucat Longchamp tomorrow, a race which should decide who is the best French three-yearold muer of 1446.

The trio dominates a field of nine which has no British representatives but includes Vetheuil, Shaanxi and Grey Risk, who finished second, third and fifth respectively to Spinning World in the Prix

sille last month.

Spinning World enjoyed a comfortable half-length success in the Marois, but has

been out since the royal the Coronation Stakes.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Bath (first race, 145), Southwell (AW, 200). TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (Jurl and AW, 2.00), Leicester (2.15).

been beaten by Ashkalani on all three occasions that they have met, the latest in the St James's Palace Stakes. Shake The Yoke has not

meeting, where she beat subsequent pattern winners, Last Second and Dance Design, in

WEDNESDAY: Doncaster (C4, 1,30), Epsom (2.10), Exeler (2.20). THURSDAY: Chepstow (2.10), Don-cester (C4, 2.00), Newton Abbot (2.20)

FRIDAY: Doncaster (C4, 130), Goodwood (BBC, 2.10), Worcester (2.20)SATURDAY: Bangor (2.10), Don-caster (C4, 2.00), Goodwood (BBC, 2.15), Sedgefield (1.50), Worcester (2 25) Flat meetings in bold

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COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 3 0 unless stated * denotes all-ticke* FA Carling Premiership

Blackburn 4 0 1 3 Covertry 4 0 1 3 Nationwide League First division SteBradiord v Norwich Orsamsby v Swindon 11 Ipswich v Hudderslield 2) Manchesier City v Barnsley (13) Oldham v Shetheld Uld (14) Portsmouth v Port Vale (15) Queens Park Rangers v West Brom (16) Southend v Bollon

(18) Tranmere y Burmingham PWDL 4310 4310 3300

Oldham Shell Uld 3 0 1 2 2 4 0 1 3 2 " does no: include last night's match "does no: inchaite lest night s' maiori UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Alteion v Lencaster Bamber Bridge v Leek. Brihop Auckland v Buston, Blyth Spartans v Hyde. Chorter v Genisborough Emley v Cohmin Bey Frickley v Rundom; Guiselev v Barrage Manne » Boston, Winstord v Borrage Manne » Boston, Winstord v Societies avidence Advisor Advanced v Worksop, America Living Congletion Unicoln Linited. Farsley Celling w Workington; Great Harwood Parsiey Celhic v Workington: Creat Harwood Farsiey Celhic v Workington: Great Harwood Utovisden, Greina v Flutton: Matlock Town "Curzon Ashion, Stockzbridge PS v Netherheld, Warnington v Hanogate Town: Whatev Barri Leich

(21) Bristol City v Free. (22) Bury v Rotherham (22) Chesterlield v Brentlord

Placapot: £11.90.

Chesterfield Milwall Shrewsbury Blackpool York Burnley Bournemouth Warterd . Bristot R Crewe Gillingham Nons Co... Bristol City Luton... Wycombe... Wrednam

Third division (34) Cardiff v Exetet (35) Carlisle v Swansea (36) Chester v Lincoln (37) Doncaster v Mansfield

(38) Fulham v Colchester ... (39) Hereford v Hartlepool . (—) Hull v Rochdale (—1 Leyton Orient v Darlington (—) Wigan v Scunthorpe PWDL 4310 4301 Hutl........ Hartlepööl.....

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Inter Cable-1et, Bargor City v Newtown (2 0); Briton Ferry v Plini Town: Catrisws v Corwy; Ebbw Vale v Holywell, Llansardirad v Carmarthen Town: Porthmadog v Cwmbran: Ton Pentle v Cornah's Quay, Weishpool v Rhyl, Caemarlon v Cerness Bay

Barnet Exeter Cemb Utd.. Darlington . .. Chester

Vauxhall Conference (--) Hahlax v Rushden and Diamonds
(--) Kettering v Hayes
(--) Kuderminster v Welling
(--) Morecambe v Hednesford
(--) Southport v Slough
(--) Sauthport v Wolving
(--) Telford v Stevenage Bell's Scottish League Premier division

(40) Cellic v Hiberman (41) Hearts v Dundee Utd (42) Kilmarnock v Dunlermilne (43) Molherwall v Rangers (44) Raith v Aberdeen

Second division

(--) Bende v Queen of South (--) Clyde v Dumbarton (--) Livingston v Brechin (--) Etenhousemair v Ayr (--) Stranneer v Hamilton Third division Holori v Caledonian Thistle
 Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
 East Skirting v Forlar
 Montrose v Arbroath
 Ross County v Alica

CIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Degenham and Redbindop: Bishop's Storfford v Chertsey; Boreham Wood v Grays, Enfield v Ordord City, Harrow v Duhlach; Heyondge v Carshalton; Purfleet v Ningstonian, Staines v Hitchm, Sution United v Bromley, Yeading v Si Albans; Yosovi v Hendon First division: Bognos Regis v Berkhamsted; Carney kland v Walton and Hersham; Chesham v Martow, Leylon Pennam v Basingstoke, Mossey v Abingdon Town; Tooting and Mircham v Hompton; Urbindge v Croydon; Whyteleate v Madenhead United; Wokingham v Barton Rovers. Second division: Bedford T v Chaffont St Petr, Brackreid v Wandsor and Eton: Colifer Row and Romford v Barting; Dorfung v Wiverhoe; Edoware v Horsham; Leython v Hungeford; Wers v Cheshun; Wembley v Banstead; Witham v Metopolian Police. Third division: Aveley v Camberley.

DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division:

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FA YOUTH CUP: Edra preiminary round replay: Lincoln v Southport.

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Deny v Home Farm (730) Shield Competition: Southorn sec-tion: Gatesy v Waterford (730); Limerick v Cobin Ramblers (445) SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premie division: Chippenham v Backwell: Elmore division: Crupperham v Backwell: Emore v Tiverton: Mangosheld v Taumton. UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEA-GUE: Premier division: Boume v UPILSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v
Eynesbury; Ford Sports v Spalding;
Holbeach v Cogenhoe; Potton v
Desborooch St Neots v Boston; Stamford v
Wootson: S and L Corby v Long Buckby:
Stotloid v M Blackstone.

PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND
LEAGUE: Clachracuddh v Elgrir Cove v
Nem County: Fores Mechanics v Wick.
Academy. Neth v Fort William.
Lossemouth v Brora, Peterhead v Huntly
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Carallegh v Raynes Park
Vaie
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bilston Communay Col-age v Awchurch, Bolehall S v Knowle: Coventry Sphm: v West Midland Fire Service, Oewd Lloyd v Highgotie: Massey Ferguson v Handrahan Timbers; Richmond Swins v Wellesbourne; Southern v Worces-ter; Studiey BKL v Kenilworth. Swifts v Wellesbourne; Southern v Worcester; Studiey BKL v Kentlworth.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division:
Barbury v Fortron, Blaester v
Almondstusy, Carterion v Burnham,
Highworth v Brackley, Wantage v Didcot
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN
LEAGUE: First davision: Cheeter-te-Street v
Durham; Crook v Whickham; Gusborough
v South Shields; Murton v Essengion. RTM
Newcasite v Billingham; Seathern Red Star v
West Auckland: Shidon v Bedington Tenters; Tow Law v Dunston Federation:
Whitby v Consett
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First
division: Glossop North End v Nantwch;
kidegove v Citherne; Maine Road v
Prescot; Mossley v Eastwood H, Newcasite
Town v Chadderton; Trafford v Bootle
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier divialor: Bowers v Blont; Brantwood v
Concord, Burnham Ramblers v Eno Manor;
Hulbridge Sports v Savbridgeworth.
SUBURBAN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Aldershot Town v Wernbley; Besingstoka v
Whyteleafe: Carchatton v Thame, Duwich
Harntet v Marlow; Stugh v Sution United;
Kingstonian v Femborough. Vale

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier
division: Cocklosters v Hillingdon Boro;
Hardfield v Isington St Marys; Rutstip Manor
v Barkingside, Waltham Abbey v Book
House; Woodford v Beaconsfield SYCOB
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Totion v Aerostructures, Brockenhurst v East Cowes, Christchurch v BAT;
Cowes Sports v Gosport; Eastleigh v
Lymington, Romesty v Thatcham, Wimborne
town v Bernerton Health

TOMORROW

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated FA Carling Premierable Sunderland v West Ham (4.0) Nationwide League First division Reading v Oxford Utd (1.0)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmslord v Chellenham, Dorchester v Cembridge City.
ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Thame v
Aldershol Town
A CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying FA CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying round: Wealdstone V.Kerngston.
FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bray v Dundalk (3.16); Cork v Sigo (2.0); UCD v Frm Harps (3.15); EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHEP: Play-off, first leg; Span v England (al Mobile, Soville, 11.5).
FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern divisions Actor Visits v Gersburd St Helens FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern di-vision: Aston Villa v Gerswood St Helons, Byth Sparlans v Huddensfield; Bronte v Stoupport; Notis County v Shelfield Wednesday; Wolverhampion v Bradford. Southern division: Brighton and Hove v Oxford Utd, Ipswinch v Berkhamstead, Leyton Ornet v Winfelbedon; Town and County v Three Bindges; Whitenswik v Langford.

CRICKET AXA Equity & Law League SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire TAUNTON: Somersel v Derbyshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire

McCAIN CHALLENGE (one day) Scar-borough; Yorkshire v Holland (110)

1 10, 40 overs

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP; Fi-nel (first day of two) Exmouth: Dovon v Norlok (10.30). Nonce (10.30).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE: Final (50 overs): Milton Keynes:
Invice v Wakefield (12.0) RUGBY UNION

Representative match treland XV v Munster (at Thomond Pk, Limerick, 3.0) RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Premiership final St Helens v Wigan (at Old Trafford, 7 0) Divisional Premiership final Keighley v Salford (at Old Trafford, 4 30) ...

Wasps v Saracens (at Lottus Road, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Ayr v Kingston (6:30): Tellord v Newcestle (5:30). Group B: Manchester v Swindon (6:0): Caroliff v Stugif (6:0). Group C: Solihuli v Peterborough (7:0) Group D: Brackneil v Guidford (6:0). Medway v Basuncatola (6:15).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's National Trophy:
Pool matches: Aston Adante v Notingham
(4.0): Braton v Croydon (4.0): Derby v
Stockon (5.0), Smopshira v Oxford (4.0):
Swindon v Ware (6.30),
EQUESTRANISM: Burghey Horse Trials.
GOLF: European Women's Open (at Ware);
Scottish Seriors Open (at Abardosen).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Scottish
Monarchs v Belle Vue (6.30), Conference
League: Buston v Stitingbourne (3.0);
Eastbourne v Arena Essex (3.30).

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Gornal Res v Blosworb St Ludlow T v Britorley Hill T; Lye Town v Etingshall H: Stafford T v Darlaston: Watsaff Wood v Hill Top R, Westheds v Stourport S, Wolverhampton C v Malven T; Wolverhampton

United v Tividale
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury Town v
Wisbech; Des v Lowestort, Gorleston v
Hamwich and Parkeston; Hadhlegh U v
Helstead, Newmarkort v Felestowe P and T;
Sudbury Rea v Fakentram; Woodbridge v
Warboys; Wrothern v Tiptree
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filinging Burness HILL v Southwick, Mile Oak

division: Burgess Hill v Southwick, Mile Oak
v Ringmer, Calwood v Arvnder, Snockham
v Hessocks
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round: Tring v Wingste and Finchley, St
Margaretsbury v East Thurrock, London
Colrey v Tottenham Omada, Clapton v
Ingsbury, Henngey v Amersham; Deal v
Horsham YMCA: Broadtvidge Heeth v
Leatherhead; Sheppey v Folkestone Invicta,
Epsom and Ewell v Turbndge Wells, Wathon
Casuels v Pagnan; East Preston v Sciley,
Natherne v Eastbourne Town: Lewes v
Wookkidt, Newhaven v Cray, Langney
Sports v Canterbury, Selsey v Faversham,
Ashrord (Middlesey) v Seltideer; Cohham v
Egnam, Chipstead v Astr. Redhill v
Croydon, Heisham v East Gnatsed; Thice
Bridges v Beckertham, Steyning v Bectlont,
Cornithian-Casuels v Crowboruspi; Lanbourn Sports v Boumemouth; Portamouth
Royal Navy v Kintbury, Cove v Swindon
Supermarine; Abrigdon United v
Shettomer, North Leigh v Ryde; Andover v
Dowrton; Petersheld v Reading; Westburyv
Sandhurst; Barnstople v Mellesham,
Listeerd v Larkhalt; St Blazey v Dawlert,
Odd Down v Hallen, Old Gaorgans, v
Turlley, Snortwood v Ermouth, Brishington v
Northlevel; Endstelph v Bristol Manor Farm,
SI Austell v Bandowster; Penrith v Darven;
Ashington v Tadeaster, Balmgham Town v
Bisclepool (Mren); Evenwood v Morpeth;
Stockton v Newcastle Berfield Park;
Hordan CW v Herrogale Rallway; West
Allotment Collier v Holker Old Byo;
Rossandale v Nelson; Cheede v Mersey
side Police; Heenor v Hall Road; Yaushall
GM v Castleton Gabriels; Abbey Hey v
Shirebrook, Staveley MW v Hallam;
Ramsbottom v Telley Walker; Harworth Cl v
Porteiract Collieries; Liversedge v Formby,
Selford v Bacap, St Helens v Hestingden;
South Normanton v Kimberley, Burscough v
Glasshoughton Welter; Long Eaton v
Skelmersdale; Parkgete v Ralmyorth MW,
Heswell, Brodsworth v Borrowash; Denaby
v Atheriton Collieries; Cherstown, Durkirk v Crally Town; Straitord 1 v Oldbury U.
Meir KA v Newport Pegnett; Frisr Lane OB v
Coleeth, Match v Brightingsse: Cowerham v
Willenhald; Greet Yamoduh v Southerd
Manor; Basildon U v Sortam Southershil

Premier division: Armihorpe Weitare v Ossett Town: Ashfield v Maitry MW, Belper Town v Thackley; Brigg Town v Arnold: Osset Town: Asmeto v March ww. beger Town v Thackley; Brigg Town v Arnold; Hucknall v North Ferriby; Osseti Albion v Harfield Main; Salby v Pickarang WINSTONI, EAD KENT 'LEAGUE: First division: Crockenhil v Chatharn, Furness v Whatslable; Herne Bay v Hythe, Lordswood v Tharmearnead: Ramsgate v Connitian; Slade Green v Greenwich.

INTEPLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLI-ANCE: Barwell v Sandwell, Bellerhell Krypersley V- Hunckley Arthete v Boddmere SI M, Pelsell V Bindgnorth; Pershale T v Bloowech Town: Rushall O v Shiftal I Sapanhill v Wilberhall, W Med Pholic v SCHOOLS MATCHES: Northern Merit Leeds v Bollon (10:30) Inter-town chal-lenges: Rothernam v Bradford; West Sussex v Hevant; Redicar and Cleveland v Newpastle; Walsall v Briefley Hill and

RUGBY UNION

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Leicester v Bath (2.1\$)
London Irish v Northempton
West Hartlepool v Harlequins

Second division Bedford v Notlingham
Blackheath v Rotherham
Covertry v Richmond
London Scotlish v Rugby
Moseley v Walkelled
Newcastle v Waterloo

Third division Triro division

Cifion v Walsali

Fylde v Morley

Havani v Redruth

Liverpool St Hetens v Lydney

Otley v London Welsh

Reading v Leeds

Rossyn Park v Harrogate

Wharledale v Exeler Fourth division north

Aspatria v Presion Grasshoppers ... Hereford v Sandal Manchester v Worcester ... Nuneaton v Burningham/Solihuli Sheffield v Lichfield snemeto v Lichfield Stoke-on-Trent v Kendal Winnington Park v Slourbridge Fourth division south

High Wycombs v Newbury North Walsham v Weston super-Mare . Plymouth v Berry Hill

Taberd v Henley NORTH: First division: Broughton Park v Macclestield; Hull lonans v Sedglay Park; New Brighton v Bridlington; Stockton v Widnes; Tynedale v West Park Bramhope; Wigson v Bradlord and Briggley. wiggor v Bradina and Bergers Butts v Belgrave: Scunthorpe v Leighton Buzzard; Stafford v Learnington; Stockwood Park v Hinckley; Syston v Deby, Westleigh v Camp Hill; Whitchurch v Burton; Wolver-hampton v Broad Street.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Barnstaple v Bridgweter; Bristiam v Torquey; Gloucester OB v Sallsbury: Maidenheed v Matson; St Ives v Launceston; Stroud v Cemborne.

Welsh League First division Bridgend v Ebbw Vale (2.30) Caerphilly v Swarses (2.30)
Carofif v Llanelli (2.30)
Neoffit v Llanelli (2.30)
Newbord v Pontypridd (2.30)
Newport v Pontypridd (2.30)

Second division Tennents Championship First division Hawkick v Jed-Fores! Henor's FP v Boroughmuir Stirling County v Curne ...

Watsonians v Metrose Second division Biggar v Dundee HSFP
Gala v Glasgow Hik
Glasgow Academicals v kelso
West of Scotland v
Edinburgh Academicals Third division Glasgow Southern v Musselburgh ... Kirkcaldy v Sellurk Preston Lodge v kilmamock Stewart's Melville FP v Peebles

Fourth division CRICKET NatWest Troohy

10 30, 60 overs

LORO'S: Essex v Lancashire Northern Electric Trophy 11.0. 50 overs SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Ourham RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 2 30 NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Egremont v Leich Minere NATIONAL CONPENENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Egermont v Legh Mires. Weltare; Lock Lane v Dudley Hill; Mayfjeld v Heworth: Clidham St Annes v Woolclon; West Hull v Bevarley: Wigen St Pamids v Saddleworth First division: Askem v Wigan Saddleworth First division: Askam v Wigan St Judes; East Leeds v Berrow Island: Eastmoor v Moldgreen, Leigh East v Blacktorook; Milliom v Walney Central: Thornhill v Outon, Second division: Dewsbury Moor v Feetherstone Amateur; Eccles v Hull Dockers; New Earswick v York Acom, Normanton v Milliord; Shew Cross v Redhill, Skrisugh v Ovenden

ICE HOCKEY BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Newcastle v kingston (8:30): Tellord v Ayr (7:30): Group B: Slough v Manchester (6:30): Swindon v Cardiff (5:30): Group C: Nottingman v Solhuli (7:0); Sheffield v Peterborough (7:0): Group D: Basingstoke v Guilctord (6:30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Men's National Trophy-Pool matches: Coventry v Fintshire (7 30); Bournemouth v Plymouth (8 0); Shettied v Bury and Botton (8 0); Solent v South Bank (8.0); South Wales v Carditt (8.0); Thames Valley v Mid Sussex (8.0), Westminster v Chesenger IB (0 Chessington (8 0)
EQUESTRIANISM: Burghley Horse Trials. GOLF: European Women's Open (at Ware); Scottish Seniors Open (at Aberdeen). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Reading (7.30); Cradley Heath and Stoke v Belle Vice (7.30).

Determined Essex show authority of champions-elect

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

IF THE rightest championship contest in many years is decided by resolution alone, Essex will not be found wanting. Showing the character of a club that has been there and done it more recently than most, they yesterday recorded their sixth victory in seven games. By way of a bonus, the match ended 30 minutes after lunch, allowing Essex a civilised journey to London for the NatWest Trophy final.

Once Graham Gooch had disheartened Warwickshire through weight of runs on Thursday, the result here was not in serious doubt. Essex. seven points off the lead, now have an enviable run-in with home fixtures against Sussex and Glamorgan and if they fail to take the title, for the seventh time since 1979, they will look back in anguish at their improbable defeat at

Headingley earlier this week. The impressive aspect of this latest win was the doggedness of their banling when things went against them on

EDGBASTON (finol day of four): Esser (21pts) beat Wor-wickshire (6) by 170 runs the opening day. Many another side would have been bowled out cheaply and conreded a decisive advantage. Essex scrapped, achieving virtual parity on first innings. then handed over to Gooch to administer the punishment. Warwickshire had lost three

TABLE

	P	W	L	0	Bt	81	Pt
Leics (7)	. 15	8	1	В	49	53	24
Surrey (12)			1	В	45	56	24
Derbyshire (14)				S	49	50	24
Essex (5)	. 15			4	50	SI	24
Kemt (18)	15				43	44	23
Yorkshine (8)			S			50	
Middlesex (2)			5		26		
Warwicks (1)						49	
Worcs (10)				7		56	
Glamorgan (16)					42	37	
Sussex (15)	15	~			32	50	
Somerset (9)			6	ŝ	31	56	
Hampshire (13)					33		
Hampside (13)	. 12	3	5	2			
Gloucs (6)	19	4	В	5	19	21	
Lanceshire (4)	. 15	2	•	H	41	45	
Northants (3)	15	2	В	5	31	21	12
Notts (11)	15	1	В	6	38	47	
Durham (17)	. 15	0	10	S	22	54	9
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(Lucasier). SURREY: Sept 12: v Glamorgan (Cardiff).

Smith stands firm to thwart Glamorgan

AN INNINGS of 91 by Robin Smith, whose timing was back to its best, coupled with some staunch baning by the Hampslure tailenders, prevented Glamorgan from gaining a victory at Southampton (Ivo Tennant writes). Otherwise. only Will Kendall, who put on 156 with Smith, the acting captain, made a score of note.

Hampshire were left all day to make 331 on a decent pitch. They swiftly lost three wickets. two of them to Gibson, who bowled as quickly as he has all season. Kendall, though, batted with flair and determination until Parkin had him taken at the wicket. His 71 included 11 fours.

Smith displayed all his customary resolve and looked, between lunch and tea, as if he victory. Nine runs short of a bringing the game into

TAUNTON (finol day of four):

Somerset (10pts) drew with

IN THE end, the pitch was too

good and Somerset, after a

wobble or two along the way,

too bloody-minded. Led by

Bowler, who left Derbyshire

two years ago and was deter-

mined to give his former team-

mates absolutely nothing, they

Bowler, the acting captain,

made 60 in 34 hours before he

was stumped brilliantly by

Krikken, who was standing

up to DeFreitas. It was a

wonderful piece of work, as

leg-side stumpings usually are

to a bowler of that pace. If

Derbyshire thought they had

made the significant breach.

with 30 overs left, a seventh-

wicket stand of 75 between

Turner and Kerr frustrated

Turner went with seven overs tugo, caught by Krikken

as he dived to his left and held

the catch an inch or so above

the ground one-handed. That

was to be Malcolm's only

wicket. After bowling a fast

bowled erratically, and some-

resisted to the last.

drive at Parkin and was held at point. Mascarenhas and Botham went to Watkin and Gibson respectively, but Maru and Keech, who came in low in the order because of injury, played out the final 15 overs without undue concern. Steve Waugh, the Australia

vice-captain, was reprimanded and fined 30 per cent of his match fee, with the fine suspended for three months, for challenging an umpire's ruling in the Singer Cup match against India in Colombo yesterday. Waugh, who was named man of the match after Australia secured a place in the final, against Sri Lanka, with a three-wicket win, challenged B. C. Cooray over his decisions on wide deliveries. John Reid, the match referee. fined Waugh for dissent

Bowler foils Derbyshire

By Michael Henderson

what brainlessly, when Jones

brought him back for a final

end, having benefited from

balls that were alternately too

full and too short. Mind you,

his first ball was an extraordi-

nary business. DeFreitas, who

had just removed Bowler, hit

the stumps but Kerr was not

ready to receive even though

the umpire, Clarkson, made

no signal to the scorers. It was

a peculiar business and a poor

wish he had given his bowlers

more time to dismiss

He declared after Derby-

shire had added 101 in the

morning, leaving Somerset to

make 383 in 78 overs. It might.

have been more profitable to

allow his bowlers 85, or even

90 overs, to give them a better

chance of taking ten wickets

DeFreitas made an early

breakthrough when Tres-

cothick left a ball that flattened

his off stump. By lunch

Lathwell, giving the ball a fair

set along at five runs an over

on a blameless pitch.

spell immediately after tea he old lash, was bowling Somer-

In retrospect Jones may

piece of umpiring.

Kerr was 68 not out at the

blast.

spiteful in the dank conditions early in the game, was more benign now, but still capable of eccentric bounce and permitted slow turn for Such. His was always likely to be the biggest influence yesterday and, after breezily adding 44 in ten overs with Penney, Piper was bowled round his

> spinner. Penney has been central to innumerable rearguard actions and he played with spirit now. Although his 70 occupied 130 minutes, however, there was no suggestion that he might do more than inconvenience Essex. They disposed of him by summoning the lanky Cowan, whose extra bounce brought an injudicious cut and an edge to Rollins.

legs as he went to sweep the off

wickets before the close on

Thursday and could raise

neither the skill nor the will for

significant resistance yester-

day. They did add 200 runs in only 150 minutes but the

batting was fatalistic rather

than determined. Essex took

their time, so confident of

themselves that Prichard rest-

ed his aching back in the

dressing-room. Hott bowled

only five overs and Irani none

at this stage of the summer, took the first two wickets to fall

and finished with seven in the

game. Ostler, who wears a haunted look betraying his

lost form, was leg-before shuf-

fling across his stumps and

Brown gave a straightforward

catch to gully. Piper was then

struck on the hand by the first

ball he received and it began

to seem that Warwickshire

might not survive until lunch. The pitch, which had been

Williams, whose form and fitness has been such a boost

This paired Smith and Giles, who transparently shared the belief that the game could not be saved, so they might as well enjoy themselves. It was lively stuff while it lasted, 62 runs coming from nine overs. Giles deposited Such onto the roof of the pavilion and Smith merrily heaved the same, long-suffering bowler into the onside gaps before dying by the eht at deep square leg. The rest was mere routine

and he reached his second

half-century of the match

shortly afterwards, from 57

balls, before edging DeFreitas

It was at that point that the

shutters came down with a

rare defensive purpose. When Harden departed 16 overs

later, he had made just three

and when Cork dismissed

Ecclestone and Lee before tea.

Somerset's only course was to

Bowler, not greatly missed

by the men he left behind at

Derbyshire, is ideally

equipped to play the blocking

innings designed to frustrate

bowlers and he lived up to his

reputation here until Krikken

surprised him. Bowler has high hopes of inheriting the

captaincy but even if he does,

the club is in a bit of a pickle.

is unhappy at the recent removal of Hayhurst, the club

captain, and is holding out for

more money even though his

contract has two years to run.

This does not seem an appro-

priate way to thank Somerset,

who stood by him two years

ago when a shin injury threat-

Caddick, their best bowler.

protect what they held.

to second slip.

guidance

six wickets

players on the Ireni

Whitaker was delighted with the result. This was a huge win for us," he said. The pitch was flat and we were without Alan Mullally." Millns, Mullally's usual new ball partner, took both wickets yesterday to finish with five for 31, an outstanding effort in the conditions.

Mullally, who has knee trouble, was on the ground and expects to be fit for their next match, against Durham.

Austin cuts a burly figure but opponents have learnt not to take him lightly Whitaker's Hollioake's leadership

higher

EVERYTHING fell into place for Surrey yesterday. Only briefly when Northamptonshire's two Davids, Capel and Ripley, kept vigil with omi-nous comfort, did anything threaten to spoil their day. But then Ripley retired after a ball from Lewis hit him a bruising blow on the hand and in his absence Northamptonshire folded. Their remaining three wickets yielded 62 runs and Surrey moved to within a point of Leicestershire in the

Championship.

The Oval was bursting with bonhomie. First a grandson to Reg Bull, an Oval steward, then a daughter to Mr and Mrs Alec Stewart were announced. But before the population explosion really took off, the Surrey players were on their way to a half day off. girding their loins for the crucial one-day contest tomor-

row, and in expansive mood. None more expansive. though, than Adam Hollioake, leading Surrey in the continued absence of Stewart. We're an arrogant bunch," he said. "We believe we can win and while we need to keep our feet on the ground, we are moving in the right direction." Of his own immense contribution to Surrey's most recent victory, he was beguilingly modest, if England require a high-class batsman who can bowl, he should be their man. He would certainly give a significant boost on the PR

Brendon Julian will also remember this match fondly. Yesterday he added to his century and six first-innings wickets by removing Capel for 48 with a ball which slanted across him and then he accounted for Snape with one which moved the other way.

Austin worth his weight in gold med

Simon Wilde meets a red rose worl who doubles as big-match thoroug.

in a startling scientific Mike Continued.

If, in a startling scientific breakthrough, it became possible to clone human benefit to the way he is not hindered him. ings, who would the England cricket selectors choose as their native model for the accurate, probing, new-ball bowler most likely to win them a one-day match?

A lengthy search would end with them probably alighting on someone like Peter Martin, Lancashire's tall, well-muscled opening bowler, with a reputation for reliability. "Come on." the selectors would say, "he looks the part."

What would be almost certain is that they would not pick Martin's county teammate, Ian Austin, who stands six inches shorter, strikes a thick-set and uncompromising pose, and possesses a midriff that is, let us say, not totally muscle. He is an unashamed pie-and-pint man but here, of course, is the irooy, because Austin is the likelier to win Lancashire the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's today. After all. Austin it was who

sealed the semi-final defeat of Yorkshire with three wickets m nine balls; Austin who won the gold award for his four cheap wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup final victory over Northamptonshire in July: and Austin who is Lancashire's most successful one-day bowler this season.

"I know I am not built to run five miles in 20 minutes but in the past six years I have had very few injuries and am match-fit," Austin said. "It is the way of the world for people to criticise.

not hindered him.

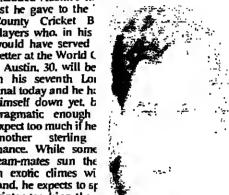
Austin, sitting and T-shirt jabs this thighs and call at the size of these not much

not much yuu can that. This is just am." His upper to less formidable, en a recent winter wo butcher's warehous Yet, while Austin

the summer bowling maculate one-day Martin has strug consistency, it was who was chosen Texaco Trophy aga stan." I thought chance." Austin said more you huild bopes the more yo disappointed."

In fact, he has be thoughts of at I selector. because Lloyd, the England included Austin's na list he gave to the County Cricket B players who, in his would have served better at the World (

in his seventh Lor final today and he h: himself down yet, b pragmatic enough expect too much if he another sterling mance. While some team-mates sun the in exotic climes wi land, he expects to ar the county's schools a ing football for his lc



ensures safe lifts Surrey progress

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four):
of four): Leicestershire (24pts)
beat Nottinghamshire (6) by
THE OVAL (final day of four):
Surrey (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (5) by 223 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE went back to the top of the county championship for the first time in a month with little fuss yesterday (Simon Wilde writes). They had no idea for how long they would stay there, but, when victory came, Bridge balcony punched the air for joy: they remain in the thick of the title race and that

was all that mattered. Had Nottinghamshire's tail wagged vigorously, Leicestershire could have faced an awkward day, but it did not The two remaining wickets fell for seven runs in the space of 37 balls and the visitors then knocked off briskly the 82 they needed for victory. They lost four wickets in the process, three of them in a lively opening spell from Bowen, but never appeared to be in danger of getting into

serious trouble Appropriately, the winning run was scored by James Whitaker, the captain, who added an assuring and unbeaten 30 to his first-innings century. He passed his 1,000 runs for the season, testimooy that taking on the captaincy has not affected his form. On the contrary: "I love the job it has really got me buzzing again," he said yesterday.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMETON (final day of four): Hamp shire (11pss) drew with Glamorgan (8) GLAMORGAN: First immigs 401 (S P James 103, H Morre 80, R OB Croft 67, A D Shaw 53; O A Mascarenhas 6 for 88) Second Immes 231 for 6 dec (M P Maynard 69, O O Gasson 62 not out) HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 352 for 4 dec (J.S. Laney 102, G.W. White: 70, R.J. Manu 56 not out, R.A. Smith 54)

5-200, 6-200, 7-216, 8-231. BOWLING: Watten 21.5-6-49-3; Gibson 25-6-74-3; Croft 23-9-41-0; Parlen 17-3-51-2 Date 3-1-7-0; Cosker 9-4-27-0. Umpres. G I Burgess and O J Constant

> Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

TRENT BRICGE (final day of tour): Lexastershire (C4pts) beat Nottingham-shire (6) by sor wickets NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Irrings 324 (K P Evans 71)

Second lunnings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-65, 3-98, 4-108, 5-110, 6-116, 7-122, 8-147, 9-195. BOWLING Miles 18 1-6-31-5; Persons 16-5-54-0; Seramons 18-4-46-2; Person 75-3-43-3; Brimson 3-1-6-0. LECESTERSHIRE: First Innings 439 (J J Whitaker 129, V J Wells 119, G J Parsons 53)

Second Imnings

Total (4 wids) ______81 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-25, 3-40, 4-59 BOWLING Bowen 8-0-29-3; Tolley 2-0-10-0; Dowman 2-0-8-0; Bates 5-0-21-1; Afford 1.3-0-13-0. Umpkes 8 J Mayer and A G T Whitehead.

Somerset v Derbyshire TAUNTON (final day of lour): Somerset (10pts) drew with Derbyshire (10) P A J DeFreitas 60, G M Roberts 52) Second Innings J Barnett c and b Caddick .

P.A. J. DeFreitzs o Harden b Bowler T.J. G. D. Gorman not out ff M. Nridden b Caddock. D. G. Cork not out Extras (b. 7, w. I., no. 14)

Total (6 wids dec) 322
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-79, 3-266, 4-275, 5-279, 6-309 4-276, 5-279, 6-309

PDMUNG: Caddick, 20-1-104-3; Kerr 8-1-42-1; Beity 21-3-73-0; Lee 4-1-20-0; Trescottack 6-0-22-0; Bowler 8-0-54-2.

SOMEPSET: First Immigs 456 (S Lee 110. M N Leithwell 109; A J Harris 4 for 95)

Total (8 wids) 296
FAUL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-91, 3-105, 4-115, 5-141, 6-177, 7-252, 8-395

BOWLING: Malbolm 18-1-108-1; DeFretos 20-3-60-3; Harris 10-1-48-0; Roberts 11-7-18-0; Cork 19-3-55-4. Umpires: P Willey and A Clarkson Surrey v Northamptonshire

THE OVAL (final day of four) Surray (24pts) best Northamptonshare (5) by 225 runs SURREY: Pirst Innings 395 (A J Holicoake 129, B P Julian 117, J P Taylor 4 for 87) Second Innings 296 (Holicoake 98, C E L Ambrose 4 for 55) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Final Innings 235 (D Ripley 56: Julian 6 for 37) Second Innings Second lenings R Montgomeric lbw b Benjamin . J Swann lbw b M P Bicknet

tO Ripley retired hurt
J N Snape low b Julian
C E L Ambrese c Kersey b Benjamin
J P Teylor not out Extras (b 12, fb 11, w S, nb 141 42

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Warwickshire v Essex EDGBASTON (final day of four) Essex (21pts) beat Warwickshire (6) by 170 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 238 (R C Irani 68; G C Small 4 for 41) Second Innings 450 for 6 dec (G A Gooch 147, P J Phohard 108, kani 82 not out) WARWICKSHIRE: Pirst Innings 253 (W O Yhen 126)

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TJ C Adams c Gough b White
R A Harper not out

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Australia v Indi: COLOMBO (Australia won toss) beat India by three wickets

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R S Dravid b Reithel
M Azharuddin c M E Waugh b Rei
V G Yambli c Healy b McGrath
A O Jedeje c and b S R Waugh
S C Ganguly low b Bowen
S Joshi b Bevan
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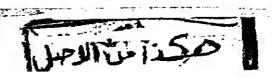
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5-185, 6-195, 7-197
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53-2, Joshi 9-1-23-2, Kumble 8-3-2,
Tentular 8-0-38-0; Jadeja 4-0-18-5,
Man of the match: 5-R Waugh
Umpres B C Cooray and k T Francis,
Sri Lanka)

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Courage of ailing Sampras elevates him among greats

FROM DAVID MILLER IN NEW YORK

FIRST, Kerri Strug at the Olympic Games in Ailania, now Pete Sampras, in the US championships. A numid American summer is having its fill of heroism in the pursuit of sport, if I live to be 100 I do not expect to witness a more courageous refusal to vield than the fifth-set tiebreak in which Sampras, the defending champion, his vision blurred by sickness, defeated Alex Corretia, of Spain.

Marathon runners sometimes drag themselves to the finishing line in agony; Trautmann kept goal in an FA Cup final with a broken neck and Ali beat Norton with his iaw broken. Sampras, vomiting uncontrollably on the baseline, defeated the 22-yearold Corretja, who had had set point in every set and held march point in the riveting . As Sampras tottered on the

point of collapse, he was saved by the unfortunate Corretja serving a double fault on Sampras's second match point Corretja sank to his knees in dismay, while Sampras clung to the net cord for support, waiting to shake the hand of the opponent who had brought him so low. His quarter final victory, by 7-6 5-7, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6, gives both men a page in history.

If Strug's famous vault in the women's team gymnastics was a single instant of willpower. like bracing for a tooth to be pulled, the defiance of Sampras, almost too sick to know what he was doing. exhibited man's instinct to delve into his soul and find unknown strength when all seems lost. The sight lifted people to their feet at Flushing Meadow in a frenzy of sympathy and admiration.

Sporting heroism mostly requires two participants. Coretja ranked No 31 in the world, from Barcelona, had been expected to subside politely as the champion proceeded to the semi-final. Outside the stadium court beforehand, you could not give

away tickets: the demand was break in the locker-room, refor Stefan Edberg against Goran Ivanisevic in the evening, an encounter that would prove slight by comparison as tvanisevic brought Edberg's grand-slam career to a nostalgic halt in straight

Never previously at the quarter-final stage of a grandslam event. Corretja pressed the three-times US Open champion every stride for more than four hours, traded aces with him equally at 25 apiece, and shook him to the core when taking a two-sets-to-

Then, in the third game of



Sampras: physically ill

the fourth set. Sampras found window. A half-volley drop shot, played by instinct under pressure and falling dead just over the net, and a cross-court volley gave him a service break for a 2-1 lead. He clung to that opening and levelled the match. Yet as they entered the final

set, their faces a kaleidoscope of perspiration beads, it was Corretja who held the advantage of the service-game lead: 1-0, 2-1, 3-2. As he inched towards improbable triumph. Sampras grimly hung on in his wake. In the sixth game, Sampras was stretched to two deuces. Trailing 4-5 and serving to save the match, Sampras first took a medical turning in changed clothes, swallowing emptily with the gaunt look of a troubled passenger on a bumpy flight in heavy turbulence. He held his serve with an

ace on game point for 5-5.
Corretja confidently served to love to lead 6-5. The match timer stood at 3hr 52min. Sampras's head, which is always cast down between points, was lower than ever. He, too, served to love and lifted his eyes skywards as if in supplication.

The fifth set tie-break, which operates in the US Open, is the ultimate in ball-game Russian roulette. Sampras breaks serve for I-O, but is then passed on his serve for I-I. He stoops, clutches his chest and is sick, though his stomach is

As he gropes towards serving the next point, the umpire, bizarrely, gives him a time warning for delay. With one more break point each, they are level at 3-3. Sampras serves an ace to lead 4-3, hits a long backhand to give Corretja 4-4. Struggling to reach a forehand pass, Corretja falls on the baseline to trail 5-4, but then hits a winning forehand pass for 5-5. A smash brings Sampras

match point but he nets a forehand for 6-6, then loses a rally to go match point down. The crowd of nearly 20,000 holds itself, bewitched as Corretja serves for the kill. Sampras returns, Corretja hits a cross-court forehand, and somehow, lunging like a man grasping at the handle of a runaway car, Sampras stretches across and blindly hits a winning volley. In the heavy night air, the crowd gasps, exhaling a thousand

Sampras gathers himself once more in nausea and his first service gives him an 8lead. The cruellest of blows befalls Corretia as he double faults. "It was the best match of my career." he would say. "and the worst."



Dibnah, the leader overnight, plays out of a bunker during her second round of 70. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Brilliant Davies sweeps into lead

bogeys.

BY MELWEBB

AWAY from work, Laura Davies gives every indication of being a normal human being with, no doubt, her share of human failings. Put her on a golf course, however, and the human becomes superhuman. and she gave further proof of it yesterday when she produced a round at Hanbury Manor that contained more high spots than other players produce in a season.

IN CRANS-SUR-SIERRE

SAM TORRANCE, trying his

damndest to impress Severi-

ano Ballesteros, his playing partner and the Europe

feam's Ryder Cup captain, did

just that as he surged to the

head of affairs with a second

round of 63, eight under par,

in the Canon European Mas-

On a glorious, chocolate-

box day of blue skies and little

breeze, the Scotsman, clad in

sombre grey, left the opposi-

tion gasping in the Alpine air.

"That's the best I have ever

seen you play," Ballesteros

ters here yesterday.

shots, and it put her into a three-stroke lead on 133, eleven under par. Corinne Dibnah, her closest rival, had a 70, Stephan Dallongeville follows on seven under par and Trish Johnson and Dale Reid, the other two Solheim Cup players in the field, are handity placed on four under. Davies was characteristically low-key about a perfor-

told him, oot once but twice,

and oo one came close to the

Torrance total of 128, 14 under

par. A lesson from his father

and a change of long putter-

back to an old faithful bor-

rowed from Vijay Singh -

Paul Broadhurst was a

distant second, six shots be-

hind, with his fellow English-

man, Lee Westwood, and Olle

Nordberg, of Sweden, third

on 135, seven under. Miles

Tunnicliff, an Englishman

based in Spain, would have

matched Torrance's 63 but for

dropping a shot at the last. He

was in the group on 136, alongside Colin Montgom-

had worked wonders.

A 63 it was, the lowest round

of the Marks and Spencer

European Open by three

most of her opponents dancing in the aisles, but, modest though she tried to remain, she could not prevent a small note of justified sarisfaction from creeping in. Yes, I played nicely," she

mance that would have had

said in the mother of all understatements. But this course is open enough for me to use my driver pretty often, and if that's going well, I'm likely to ger close enough to give myself a chance a lot of the time."

He holed a ten-footer down-

hill to save his par at the 8th,

his seventeenth, after missing the green. He almost boled

with a sand-wedge for an

eagle three at the 9th, and

tapped in from ten inches for

his sixth birdie in nine holes,

to come home in 30, six under

par. Montgomerie played the same stretch in 37.

Australia cricket team forfeited their matches

in Sri Lanka during the World

Cup earlier this year by refus-

ing to go to Colombo to play

them. They had whinged about security not being tight enough for such living Nat-

ional Treasures in the wake of

the Colombo bombing. They were accused of being insular,

pandering to terrorists and

being just plain yellow, but

they still stayed away, sulking.

Lanka for a four-nacion tour-

nament. And guess what? They are whingeing again.

And guess what about? Sec-

urity. Yes. security is 100 right.

The local Times newspaper

· But now Australia are in Sri

eagle two. As it was, a birdie was a formality. She continued on her serene way throughout the rest of the front nine, picking up shots at the 2nd and 7th, but saved the Torrance gives best impression real incendiary stuff for the closing stretch.

After a birdie from two feet at the 11th, she birdied the last erie, who had seven birdies in an eventful level-par round five holes with a compelling combination of power and of 71 that also included three bogeys and two double subtlety. Four times in that sequence, booming drives left her within easy sand-wedge distance, and at the other, the There were no such misadventures for Torrance, who had nine birdies and nothing 144 yard loth, she chipped in worse than a four on his card.

One of the clues to Davies's

greatness is her length off the

tee, and she alone in this field

has the ability to overpower

the golf course. For instance,

she drove the green at the 1st, a par four of 310 yards, and had

it not been for a small misread

with her putter, she would

have got off the mark with an

from 15 feet. "It was the right end of the round to put a run together," she said. Then you've got no chance of giving them back." Giving them back? Not likely - this was a day when giving anything away was never an option for the best female golfer on the planet.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Davidson dazzles in majestic company

By Jenny MacArthur

BRUCE DAVIDSON, of the United States, who won the first of his two world titles at Burghley in 1974, moved into the lead with Mary King, on Star Appeal, at the end of the dressage phase of the Burghley Horse Trials, sponsored by Pedigree Chum, in Lincoln-

shire yesterday.
Riding George Straw-bridge's ten-year-old thoroughbred, Squelch, Davidson produced a flowing, accurate test that was rewarded with deservedly high marks by all three judges. His performance was a measure of consolation for Davidson, who earlier in the day had to withdraw his 1995 Badminton winner, Eagle Lion, because of an injured hind leg. William Fox-Pitt, of Britain.

on Loch Alan, and Terry Boon, a former European young rider's champion, on Vital Decision, were the only other riders to achieve a score in the 40s yesterday, Boon would have led had the excitable gelding not made two errors in an otherwise outstanding test.

The pecking order is likely to be changed again today when riders tackle Mark Phillips's 33-fence cross-country course, which is bigger and more technical than in previous years. Though this could be a disadvantage for those in their first four-star event such as Davidson, Pippa Funnell, on Bits and Pieces and Fox-Pitt - it should benefit the more experienced partnerships.

Chief among these are Mark Todd, of New Zealand, on Bertie Blunt, who intends to take the direct route in order to improve his ninth place. The 12-year-old gelding, on which Todd won Badminton in May, lost valuable marks when he took time to settle vesterday.

In contrast, Andrew Nicholson produced his best test on his second ride, Cartoon, and is lying eighth. But Cartoon is granted across country. "He always hits at least one fence very hard," Nicholson said.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan can foil rivals' treble hopes

By Christopher Irvine

'VHEN they embarked on two seasons rolled into one 13 months ago. Wigan were in their pomp and St Helens in their shadow. But, as the virtually seamless winter and summer campaigns draw to a close with the Stones Premiership final at Dld Trafford tomorrow, the "nearly team" are on the verge of an improb-'able trebie.

A St Helens v Wigan final is an appropriate conclusion to a non-stop year. No other team has had a look-in: Wigan polished off the centenary championship and Regal Trophy in winter: St Helens blossomed in summer and claimed the Challenge Cup and the Super League. The Premiership is Wigan's last chance to avoid their first bare trophy cabinet in 12 years.

For St Helens, the fear is that success may have gone to their heads, leaving them laking the necessary edge. They were worthy winners of the Super League, but this one-off scenario favours Wigan. Whatever, it is a mouthwatering prospect to pack supporters off for a first nter without professional rugby league in 101 years.

Apollo Perelini, the Western Samoan, has been the outstanding St Helens forward and much will depend on him. Chris Joynt, who needs a cartilage operation, is not being risked, so the Australian, Derek McVey, comes mto the second row.

Wigan retain the line-up from the memorable semifinal defeat of Bradford. Both sides bristle with attacking flair, but the key probably lies in defence. Kris Radlinski, the Wigan full back, and Steve Present, his opposite number. will be two of the most exciting talents to tour New Zealand with Great Britain If autumn, but their coolness under the high ball and cover-tackling abilities will be fully tested here.

ST HELENS: 5 Prescon; J Hayes, A Hunte. P. Newlove, A. Sullivan, T. Manyn. R.

RUGBY UNION: RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS READY TO MAKE THEIR BOW

RFU agrees to joint approach

ATHLETICS: PLEA TO COMPETE IN UNPAID 'PEACE' MEETING FINDS MIXED RECEPTION

Leading runners lacking in solidarity

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE home rugby unions may have breathed a sigh of relief after the resolution of the five nations' championship dispute on Thursday, but questions remain to be asked about how the game in Britain came to such a pass that a tournament regarded as the crown iewels of the northern hemisohere could be threatened with disbandment.

It now appears that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) representatives acknowledged the principle of joint negotia-tion over the five nations' broadcasting rights for the next ten years. Insiders insist that this principle, rather than money, was always central to the dispute that had seen England threatened with

It it was not until representatives of the celtic unions had met Sam Chisholm, chief executive of BSkyB, the satellite television company partowned by News Internacional. owners of The Times, and whose agreement with the RFU sparked the argument,

FROM DAVID POWELL

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN MILAN

IN A show of solidarity that

will surprise nobody, the

world's leading athletes are

here en masse for the money-

spinning International Ama-

Grand Prix final today, a

chance to share in \$3.4 million

(about £2.2 million), the big-

gest prize fund in the sport's

history. In a show of division

that will also surprise nobody.

not all will move on to the

Solidarity meeting in Sarajevo

on Monday, for which athletes

have been asked to give their

"I expect 80 per cent of the

athletes who have been invited

to go to Sarajevo." Primo

services free.

Athletic Pederation

that they became convinced that England had no retreat from the agreement. In the light of that meeting, and with considerable input from France, they drew up a discussion paper that proved the foundation for Thursday's settlement.

Within rugby circles. changes to the RFU negotiating team are also regarded as a significant contributing factor to the deadlock being broken; happily that credit reflects equally on representatives of the two factions within the RFU committee who have been at odds all year. It may also have taught them a severe lesson: there is little prospect of triumphalism when details of the accord are announced on Monday.

We are delighted that the integrity of the five nations' tournament — one of the great institutions of rugby football
— is preserved and that the five unions will be able to work together to settle the remaining disputes within the game," Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), said yesterday. At least the pressure on the

lished last November. Given

son would attend, that Jona-

than Edwards had offered

apologies for absence, and

that Dennis Mitchell had spo-

ken up for several Americans

who were refusing to go,

Nebiolo's estimate appeared

To promote the humanitar-

ian aspect of this event, and

the virtue of promoting peace

in Bosnia, we are asking all

athletes to forego any appear-

ance fees or prize-moneys

which would normally be

considered," Nebiolo said io a

letter to athletes. The Solidari-

ty meeting has been common

knowledge in athletic's circles

since the beginning of the

optimistic.

that it was looking unlikely at a later date, yesterday that Michael John- Johnson was

RFU has relaxed and may help them to negotiate a further accord with their leading clubs. "Bridges have been built on one front but I hope the construction work can be achieved over the internal dispute," Jack Rowell, the England coach, said. He intends to name another training squad next week and hopes that, unlike last Wednesday, the players will turn

The Welsh union, having ratified (like England) the five nations' accord. has confirmed its intention of governing in the interests of all its members, and will stress that point in individual replies to the 12 clubs who make up First Division Rugby Ltd. The Welsh clubs are by no means as solid in their ambicon to break away from the WRU as their English counterparts who, should they choose to go on October II as they say they will, could be isolated. They must carry with them the Welsh and the French, but leaders of French clubs will not contemplate playing in an unauthorised dub com-

city since peace was re-estab- decline, offering instead to put tary of the local organising

on coaching clinics in Sarajevo

Johnson was thinking much

along the lines as Mitchell, the

grand prix leader in the 100

metres. Track and field is my

life but it is not worth my life,"

Mitchell said yesterday. "I

would like to go to Sarajevo.

and run there, but I do not

Brad Hunt, Johnson's man-

ager, said that the Olympic

200 metres and 400 metres

champion was still undecided.

"Michael has been told by the

US State Department there is

ano-American sentiment."

However, the LAAF has

received written indications

from the US embassy in

Sarajevo, and from NATO.

think it is safe enough."

The second weekend of league rugby takes place today and a number of former rugby league players make their bow in the Courage Club Championship. Where Richard Webster (formerly of Salford) led the way successfully with Bath a week ago, he will be followed by the likes of John Devereux (Widnes) for Sale, George Graham (Carlisle) for Newcastle, Scott Quinnell (Wigan) for Richmond and, if he survives a fitness test on an injured toe, Martin Offiah (Wigan) for Bedford. Scon Gibbs (St Helens) is due to

appear for Swansea. The entry into the league arena of the wealthy second division clubs, Newcastle, Richmond and Bedford, will take attention away from the first division where Leicester and Bath, set about each other. Their last meeting was the Pilkington Cup final in May when the trophy was snatched from Leicester by the award of a penalty try; today Phil de Glanville returns to lead Bath after a shoulder injury but Dean Richards is lost to Leicester because of an inflamed wrist

committee, as having "more

importance for every citizen in

our country" than even the staging of the 1984 winter

Though it is doubtful that

Nebiolo will achieve his 80 per

cent, he will not do badly. He

bas assurances from Nour-

eddine Morceli, Daniel

Romen and Svetlana Master-

kova among others, although

whether they are attending for

Also raising eyebrows is

Johnson's appearance here.

Having run only two grand

prix races at 400 metres, he

stands ninth in the points

table, with the first eight

qualifying for the final. Conve-

niently for Johnson and the

IAAF, which needs its athlete

nothing is questionable.

Olympic Games there.

said: "The Australian captain [Ian Healy, in Mark Taylor's absence] had told a senior cricket board official that security at the hotel was too tight and the cricketers were deprived of out-of-the-playfield opportunities." Poor loves. Taylor and Shane Warne

were the most outspoken whingers during the World Cup, and both have, alas, succumbed to injuries that prevented them from taking part this time. Talk about coincidence. One banner at the cricket read: Taylor hospitalised for badly needed back-bone." Meanwhile, the Sri Lanka captain. Arjuna Ranatunga, said: "We have an excellent rapport with India or. anybody else. We can't say the same about the Australians."

Letting rip

Meanwhile. Australians are stoking things up in the war of words before their Test series



SIMON BARNES

Australian opportunities

Blanket security limiting



On Saturday

against Pakistan, inflamed by the Pakistan cantain. Wasim Akram, who said that his own leg spinner, Mushtaq Ahmed. was better than Warne. Healy replied with this trenchant analysis: "Mushie's got a welldisguised wrong-un, he's got a flipper and a little rusher or skidder. But he doesn't rip the leggie like Warney does.

Scotch mist

And now for news of the next Test-playing nation — Scotland, who else? And who says so? None other than Ali Bacher, chairman of the International Cricket Council development committee. "Test cricket is definitely a possibility in ten to 15 years," he said. I wonder if Mr Bacher took the opportunity to sample that nice wine they make in Scotland; you know, the pale gold stuff with names that begin with Glen.

Flying nun

Mary, the Virgin of Fatima. She had 100 boys, aged from six to 18, playing football in Montaione, many of them nowned as a vigorous player. A posting usually lasts for three years, but Sister Pierangela lasted less than a year. I cannot believe she will be lightly forgotten.

Mums go to law

As the American women gymnastics team cavort on the packet of the breakfast of champions, so the legal systems braces itself for an assault by bitter gymnastic parents. Three mothers are suing the Gymstrada Gymnastics School in Virginia. The school is accused of forcing their daughters to perform while injured, of emotional abuse, and for refusing the allow them to go to the lavatory. Cheri Davis, mother of Andrea, 13, said: "It is clearcut abuse, the mental and emotional games they played with these kids." A fair point - but did anyone ever say sport was supposed to be easy?

Smoke signals

Power-boosters: Andrew Perry is the first reader of this space to receive a bottle of ambrosial Nicolas Feuillatte champagne and Le Bric for his horse or guinea-pig. He tells me of a rugby tour to Florida, and the pre-match ritual. *Our opponents gathered in a small, fairly intimate circle from which a large cloud of smoke soon appeared. This got heavier and thicker as kick-off time approached. One of the opposition officials then invited us to join them. On going across to the group, I saw the biggest joint I had ever seen being passed round to all the players." The match began: the opposition "had loads of energy, tackled like demons, and seemed impervious to pain." However, Mr Perry's side won, which he is inclined to put down to the fact that no further joint appeared at half-time. This column is confice

Sister Pierangela, a footballplaying nun, has been transferred. She has been spirited away from the village of Montaione, to Carpi. No official reason for the move has been given, and the people of Montaione have petitioned the Bishop of Volterra for her return, but in vain. Sister Pierangela has a degree in psychology, plays the guitar, and occasionally dresses up as

Next Tuesday, in the Ucfa Cup. Arsenal host a Borussia Mönchengladbach side in deep crists. Stefan Effenberg, their recalcitrant midfield player, has demanded a huge bonus on top of his £1 million contract Martin Darlin, the Sweden striker sold to AS Roma, hasn't been adequately replaced, and Borussia have tried to buy Darlin back. The defence, with Andersson, of Sweden, now joined by of France, Fournier, looks bener. But goals just won't

ARSENAL

DERBY COUNTY

Four down, one to go. That is the way the manager, Jim Smith is looking at a fixture list that could hardly have dealt

Derby a more testing first five games on their arrival in the FA Premiership. Three points from a possible 12 is clearly not an outstanding record, but draws against Leeds, Tottenham and Manchester United have revealed spirit and determination. If they felt overawed running out alongside Giggs and Cantona on Wednesday night, then they disguised it masterfully.

THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ASTON VILLA Read all about it! Brian Little's

innermost thoughts laid bare in new kiss-and-tell tome, entitled Return Of The Little Villan. How Doug Ellis insisted on a clause in his latest manager's contract, granting himself power of termination should Villa lose two successive matches. And what Paul McGrath really does when the rest of the lads are training. Perhaps not - Little is far lads are training. Pernaps not — Latte 19 Into too sensible to indulge in such shock-horror disclosures. Essendal bedside fare for any RK

EVERTON

These are interesting days for John Ebbrell. Two weeks ago. in the absence of Dave Watson, Joe Royle made him captain instead of David Unsworth. Ebbrell, a former England Under-2l captain, said how much the job meant to him, as one of the few Merseysiders in the team. His tenure lasted one game. He was left out after Everton's 2-2 draw against Manchester United at Old Trafford, and has been on the bench ever since. The captaincy has reverted to

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Desperate times call for desper-ate measures, and Ray Harford has resorted to something ex-

tremely desperate indeed . . . a smile. In contrast to his morose appearance of last season, the Rovers manager is as relaxed and friendly as anyone can remember. But more likely is that Blackburn's position at the wrong end of the table requires him to make friends. He will for trab trabulation in comb the table trabulation. fly to Italy today in search that which he requires most at present a goalscorer. Gallacher will return on Monday. DM

LEEDS UNITED

Howard Wilkinson's search for new players is catholic to say the least, ranging from Interoazionale to Oldham. He is having more luck at Oldham, with negotiations progressing for Gunnar Halle, the Norway full back. His attempt to sign Paul Ince was unsuccessful. This week he has enquired for six players, but been quoted "daft money". He has refused to pay it, adding that as he still wants to bring in three new players, he can't afford to pay daft money for one.

CHELSEA

Sheffield Wednesday, Chelsea's opponents tomorrow, have full points but may have been living above their means. They have yet to face a striker like Gianluca Vialli. And Frank Leboeuf, injured at Highbury, is expected to be fit. Against Arsenal, Chelsea showed their psychological rather than physical fragility. They do need Ruud Gullit on the field but he is delaying his return. A veteran of endless knee operations, he knows the body needs time to recover its balance.

LEICESTER CITY

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester

manager, and John Robertson, his assistant, starred on opposite flanks during the most successful period of Nottingham Forest's history through the late Seventies. Today, O'Neill returns to the City Ground hoping that his players have as much faith in their own ability as he does. "There's no question in my mind that we can compete." O'Neill said. Much depends on the ability of Grayson and Whitlow to penetrate along

COVENTRY CITY

Coventry's relationship with referees appears to be at rock bottom, similar to their pos-ition in the Premiership, Ron Arkinson, the voice of Highfield Road, and Gordon Strachan, his sidekick, are both up before the FA on charges of bringing the game into disrepute. Yet Big Ron still has a soft spot for officials, judging by his comments on Alan Wilkie's display when Coventry hosted Nottingham Forest. gave him the highest marks I think I've ever given a ref," Atkinson said. City lost 3-0. RK

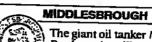
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LIVERPOOL

Liverpool welcome Gracme Souness back today, but there is no sentiment at Anfield for the former manager, "We are at home, and if we don't win this one then something is wrong," said a brashly confident Phil Babb. "We have got four or five games when we should be looking for maximum points to put us up amongsi the favourites." he said. Berger and Redknapp are on standby should Fowler and McManaman prove unfit, but are likely to be on the bench.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Visits to Leeds have always figured high in Manchester United's demonology - 15,000 horrible skinheads in their end yelling murder at you," is Ryan Giggs's memorable description. Lee Sharpe, who knows what it's like, is stoking the fires. We're just hoping that the fans make it a loud atmosphere," he said. He might just be playing Alex Ferguson's game for him. It think the hostility is good for the players." Ferguson said, believing that the aggression puts his players on their mettle.



Spanish club Osasuna this week.

The giant oil tanker North Sea Producer is still anchored in the Tees by Riverside Stadium. It has spent the summer undergoing a refit - rather like Middlesbrough. Bryan Robson's close-season imports certainly started producing the goods in the emphatic 4-1 win against West Ham on Wednesday with Emerson, especially, in excellent form. His introduction dictated that Jamie Pollock had no place in Robson's reshaped line-up and joined

NEWCASTLE UNITED A significant win on Wednesday has got Kevin Keegan

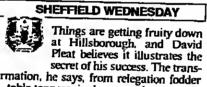
playing the nice guy again.

Having found a target for his
frustration at a sloppy start — the media,
naturally — his mood has lightened. And anyway, who needs the points that were dropped early on? "No one will run away with this league, and it will probably be won by less points than normal." he said. Ferdinand is a doubt against Tottenham with ankle trouble. Huckerby has gone to Millwall on loan.

The appearance of Fabrizio Ravanelli at the head of the FA Carling Premiership's scoring list is hardly surprising. But Kevin Campbell alongside him? Campbell's goal against Southampton in midweek was his fourth of the season, one more than he managed through the entire 1995-96 league campaign. Leaner, sharper and happier these days, his partnership with Dean Saunders is becoming more effective by the game, which is just as well given Forest's present defensive vulnerability in the air.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST





secret of his success. The transformation, he says, from relegation fodder to table-toppers is because the team is finally doing what he says. Last season the senior players just wouldn't listen. "I brought in new faces, got the senior players out of the way, and in the summer we went to Lilleshall. I told them all to go out and pick me six blackberries — and can you believe it, they did it!" he said. DM

Peter Reid's side entertain Har-

SUNDERLAND

He aims to maintain Sunderland's prime asset, team spirit, by keeping the side

unchanged for a fourth time.

ry Redknapp's Londoners at Roker Park tomorrow, knowing that they hardly allowed Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand a kick for the first 45 minutes of the 2-1 defeat by Newcastle on Wednesday, "Everybody was gutted afterwards," said Reid. "It tells you something when the lads were disappointed about not beating a team like Newcastle."

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HOW THEY STAND

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2 Aston Villa	4	9	+3	F-FMMM
3 Chelsea	4	8	+3	L-DWWD
4 Liverpool	4	8	+3	D-DWDW
5 Arsenal	4	7	+2	W-WLWD
6 Leeds	4	. 7	0	D-DLWW
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8 Newcastle	4	6	0	D-LWLW
9 Middlesbrough	4	5	+2	L-DLDW
10 Sunderland	4	5	+2	L-DWDL
11 Everton	4	5	+1	W-WDDL
12 Tottenham	4	5	+1	D-WDDL
13 Notim Forest	4	5	0.	W-WLDD
14 Leicester	4-	. 4	. 2	W-DWLL
15 West Ham	4	4	-4	D-LDWL
16 Derby	4	3	-2	L-DOLD
. 17 Wimbledon	4	3	-5	D-LLLW
18 Southampton	4	3 .	2	D-DLLD
19 Blackburn	4	1.	-4	W-LLDL
20 Coventry	4 .	1 .	-6	ואח החי

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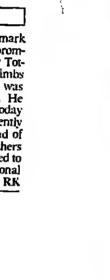
SOUTHAMPTON

After encountering one of his former players, Dean Saunders, on Wednesday, Graeme Souness today returns to Anfield - not the easiest place to get a first away point - to face a whole team of them. But in addition to new signings Robbie Slater and Claus Lundekvam, the Norway defender, he can also field a rejuvenated Matthew Le Tissier, thanks to rejuvenated Matthew Le Hissier, maries to the latter's recall to the England squad. "Being involved after being out for so long is a big honer." Le Tissier said. NS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Allan Nielsen, the Denmark midfield player, made a prom-

ising first appearance for Tottenham amid the flying limbs
of Selhurst Park on Wednesday, but was
forced to retire with a thigh injury. He
should be fit to face Newcastle United today and perhaps show why he was recently voted Danish player of the year, ahead of Schmeichel. Rieper and the brothers Laudrup Nielsen scored what is believed to at is believed to be the quickest goal on an international debut. Not a lot of people know that. RK





WEST HAM UNITED

There are worrying signs of unrest in the ranks of Harry Redknapp's foreign legion. Mauled in Middlesbrough in

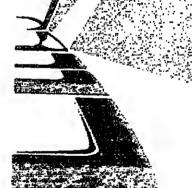
midweek, West Ham return to the North East to play Sunderland tomorrow, with Redknapp concerned over the form and future of Slaven Bilic, his Croatia central defender. "He hasn't been the same since Euro 96," Redknapp said yesterday. "He has been tapped up and has got big ideas in his head that bigger clubs than West Ham might want him."

WIMBLEDON The continued omission of

three players following alleged training ground ructions with manager Joe Kinnear has led to a written transfer request from one of them, Dean Holdsworth, ("We still love him." Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, said.) But feelers for an improved contract from Oyvind Leonhardsen might prove more problematic. "Sorry, we can't afford that," said Kinnear. All three were relegated to the reserves during yesterday's high-spirited training session.

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepenik, Keith Pike, David Maddock Statistics: Julian Desborough

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ASTON VILLA V ARSENAL TICKETS: Sold out



10-YEAR RECORD: 0-4, --, 0-3, 2-1, 0-0, 3-1, 1-0, 1-2, 0-4, 1-1, HOW THEY LINE UP ASTON VILLA (from): M Bosnich, M Oakes, G Charles, S Staunton, G Southgate, P McGrath, A Townsend, I Taylor, M Draper, S Milosevic, D Yorke, T Johnson, J Joachim, A Wright, F Nelson, U Ehiogu, L Hendrie

ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, L Dixon, A Linighan, A Adams, M Ksown, S Bould, N Winterburn, R Parlour, D Platt, P Merson, D Bergkamp, 1 Wright, S Marshall, J Hartson, G Helder, D Hillier, J Lukic.



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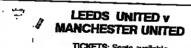
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LEICESTER CITY (from): C Keller, K Poole, S Grayson, J Watts, S Walsh, S Prior, M Whitflow, S Taylor, N Lennon, M Izzet, G Parker, S Claridge, E Heskey, M Robins, F Rolling, C Hill, J Lawrence, S Marshall.

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TICKETS: Seats available

10-YEAR RECORD; --, --, --, 0-0, 1-1, 0-0, 0-2, 2-1, 3-1.

HOW THEY LINE UP

LEEDS UNITED (Irom): N Martyn, M Beeney, G Kelly, R Jobson, L Radebe, C Paimer, D Wetherall, L Sharpe, R Wallace, M Ford, L Bowyer, I Rush, B Deane, A Gray, P Beesley, A Couzens, M Tinider, J Pemberton, A Yeboah, R I Harte, T Brolin, M Hateley.

MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P Schmeichel, G Neville, D Irwin, D May, G Pallister, D Beckham, N Butt, R Giggs, E Cantona, A Cote, R Giggs, P Scholes, K Poborsky, J Cruyff, R Johnsen, B McCtair, R van der Gouw, O-G Solskjar.



10-YEAR RECORD: 2-0, 3-0, --, 1-1, --, 3-0, 3-3, 3-1, 1-1, 0-0.

HOW THEY LINE UP SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from): K Pressman, M Clarke, P Atherton, D Stelanovic, J Newsome, S Oekes, D Walker, I Nolan, S Nicol, G Whittingham, G Hyde, J Sheridan, M Pembridge, R Blinker, F Humphreys, M Bright, D Hirst, L Briscoe.

CHELSEA (from): D Kharine, D Petrescu, T Phetan, F Leboeuf, S Clarke, J Spencer, A Myers, G Vialli, M Hughes, D Wise, M Duberry, D Lee, K Hitchcock, C Burley, R di Matteo, S Minto, E Johnsen, G Peacock, J Morris.



SUNDERLAND V WEST HAM UNITED



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WEST HAM UNITED (from): L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Billic, M Rieper, K Rowland, M Hughes, F Lampard, I Dowle, D Williamson, S Jones, A Whitbread, P Futre, M Bowen, S Lazerides, R Ferdinand, S Potts, A Cotlee, I Durnitrescu, I Bishop, F Raduciols, N Finn, P Shitton.



LIVERPOOL V SOUTHAMPTON TICKETS; Sold out

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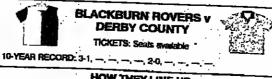
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SOUTHAMPTON (from): D Beasant, J Dodd, A Neilson, S Charlton, R Dryden, J Magilton, N Maddison, M Le Tissier, N Shipperley, R Slater, G Watson, N Heaney, M Oakley, N Moss, G Potter, C Lundekvam.



HOW THEY LINE UP TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (from): I Walker, S Campbell, C Calderwood, C Wilson, D Howells, D Anderlon, R Fox, C Armstrong, A Sinton, R Rosenthal, S Carr, S Nethercott, J Edinburgh, G McMahon, E Baardson, A Nielsen, D Kerslake, J Cundy.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (from): P Smicek, W Barton, J Berestord, D Barty, D Peacock, S Howey, R Lee, P Beardsley, A Shearer, L Ferdinand, F Asprilla, R Elitott, D Ginola, S Histop, K Gillespie, S Watson, L Clark, P Albert, P Kitson. HONDAY



HOW THEY LINE UP BLACKBURN ROVERS (Irom): T Flowers, H Berg, J Kenna, T Snerwood, C Hendry, C Coleman, G Donis, G Fenton, K Gallacher, L Bohinen, I Pearce, G Flitcroft, S Ripley, P Warhurst, C Sutton, J Wilcox, S Given, N Marker, M Holmes; S Gudmundsson.



DERBY COUNTY (from): R Hoult, M Teylor, J Laursen, D Yates, I. Stimac, G Rowell, P Parker, C Powell, D Powell, R van der Laan, C Dailty, A Asanovic, D Sturridge, M Gabbiadini, R Willems, J Kavarragh.





MIDDLESBROUGH v **COVENTRY CITY** TICKETS: Seals available



HOW THEY LINE UP MIDDLESBROUGH: A Miller, N Cox. G Fleming, S Vickers, D Whyte, N Barmby, Emerson, F Ravanelli, Juninho, R Mustoe, P Wheten. COVENTRY CITY (from): S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burrows, P Teller, E Jess, G McAllister, J Salako, D Dublin, N Whelan, M O'Neill, K Richardson, B Borrows, A Ducros, Isaias, J Filan, R Genaux, G Strachan.



WIMBLEDON v EVERTON TICKETS: Seats available



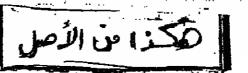
10-YEAR RECORD: 1-2, 1-4, 2-1, 3-1, 2-1, 0-0, 1-3, 1-1, 2-1, 2-3. HOW THEY LINE UP WIMBLEDON (from): N Suffivan, K Cunningham, A Kimble, V Jones, D Blackwell, B Thatcher, R Earle, E Ekoku, M Gayle, C Perry, J Goodman, A Reeves, A Thom, B McAllister, N Ardley, S Castledine, M Harlord, A Clarke, J Fuell

EVERTON (from): N Southall, P Gerrard, E Barreit, A Hinchcliffe, D Unsworth, C Short, A Kanchelskis, J Ebbrell, A Grant, J Parkinson, D Ferguson, G Speed, G Stuart, P Rideout, A Limpar, M Hoftiger.

WHEN TO WATCH ON TETEMBLO

10.15pm BBC 1 Match of the Day (highlights) 11.00am Sky Sports Goals on Sunday

4pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Super Sunday Sunderland v West Ham 8pm Sky Sports Ford Escort Monday night football Blackburn Rovers v Derby County



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When experience is not always best left in reserve

THEY say that money cannot buy experience, but Arsenal and AC Milan, by hiring John Lukic and Pietro Vierchowod, think that it might.

They say there can be no love lost between the modern referee and players, yet lan Wright and Eric Cantona, by giving the shirts off their backs as retirement presents o Keith Cooper, the Ponty-pridd official, suggests that that, 100, is wrong.

Cooper was a rarity in our game, a man able to interpret the dictats of Fifa and Lancasier Gaie with shades of humour and respect for the players: hence the compassion from Wright and Cantona now that he is compulsorily forced to watch rather than

More of him later, but time is short for Lukic and Vierchowod. Lukic is on stand-by for Arsenal against Aston Villa this afternoon in case David Seaman, the England goalkeeper, is still injured and Lukic would be bliged to step into the breach for the second time in four days, On Wednesday, against Chelsea, the 35-year-old goalkeeper, with words and acrons, put much reason to his iree transfer from Leeds United. This is his eighteenth season as a professional and his second coming at Arsenal. Yet this oft 4in athlete, who might well have commanded regular first-team football with many clubs, accepted that he is contracted now to sit in virtual semi-retirement.

"I'm enjoying what I'm doing," he said before the game on Wednesday, when he might not have been so thrilled at letting a shot from Gianluca Vialli through his fingers into his net at the near post, However, though Lukie's record of consistently fine games punctuated by occabreathtaking lapses, needs no excuses, there is one. bench accommodates five players-in-waiting, every team will journey with a second goalkeeger.

prived of even reserve-team wod, like Lukic, came free,

ROB HUGHES



Weekend View

football, experience is all. He must train with diligence. ntust somehow keep his reflexes and his mind sharp . . . and surely it was concentration, or the lack of it, that betrayed him against Vialli. It is an interesting conumdrum for every club in the FA Carling Premiership and, despite that blenush, Arsenal's investment in the wages for Lukic may look like wisdom at the end of

West Ham United, for instance, have Peter Shilton, 47 later this month, as travelling reserve. Shilton clearly intends to hang around until either he acquires the three games necessary to pass 1,000 in the League, or he is older than Methuselah. Similarly, if you switch on

Channel 4 this weekend, you may see the oldest man, certainly the oldest making a club debut, in Serie A. Vierchowod, 37, was released by Juventus after playing at the heart of the defence that won the European Cup in May. He signed for Perugia, fell out with the coach, walked out, and wailed.

Within days Milan. still the fiscal giant of world club football, called him. Their still the emperor of defence, had turned an ankle and will miss the first month of the Italian season, which starts in For this man, largely de- earnest tomorrow. Vierchoalthough his wage of £250,000 should keep the red corpusules moving.
"We're interested in win-

ning things this season, not in two or three years' time," Adriano Galliani, the Milan vice-president, said. "So, the question of age doesn't really enter into it. And Vierchowod has accepted our philosophy of two players for every pos-ition." You bet he has. On those kind of wages, with all the extra noughts that appear in the bank balance in lire, this son of a Russian refugee will have no trouble sitting it out once Baresi reclaims his shirt.

Speaking of shirts, referee Cooper is becoming quite a collector, tan Wright gave his to Cooper after the referee, not for the first time, had anticipated the Arsenal forward's rising temper, and advised him to cool it, keeping him on the field. The Cantona gift came as a surprise. Norman Davies, who re

tired this summer as Manchester United's kit man, had asked Cooper if he would like a United player's shirt. assuming the request would be for Ryan Giggs's. Cooper's sons, however, follow Cantona. Perhaps, he muses, because of Erie's attitude towards authority.

Davies said he could fetch a

shirt up from the storeroom, but if they waited to the end of the season Cooper could have the original. Promptly, within a matter of days of the final whistle, Cantona's No 7 shirt arrived in the post. There was just one pity.

Cooper remains far fitter than

your average 48-year-old and, given the mess that the promoted younger referees are making of this new season, it might have been wiser had the Premiership allowed him to go on wearing the black, the green, grey or pink that are officialdom's colours these being sent along to Cardiff City and Swansea City as a referee's assessor. It leaves a hollow feeling, and leaves the game short of this man's experience.

England exile earning top marks

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DES WALKER THE FACE OF **FOOTBALL**

By Peter Ball

avid Pleat, the Shef-field Wednesday manager. remains relaxed when asked about his players' response to being top of the FA Carling Premier-ship. "We won't get carried away." he insists. "You look at where our players come from - they're from humble back-grounds. That boy Collins is just pleased to be in the team. Humphreys is pleased to be in the team, Booth ... they're playing in the Premiership: Atherton can remember what it's like at Wigan; Nolan comes from Marine."

The contrast between the leaders and the visiting team at Hillsborough today. — third-placed Chelsea, with Gullit and Vialli. Di Matteo, Leboeuf and Hughes - could hardly be more striking. But there is one exception in the blue-and-white stripes of Wednesday, while the rest of Plear's table-topping Tykes have humble footballing backgrounds, Des Walker has been there, done that and

lifted a cup or two. He is still doing it, his performance against Shearer and Ferdinand during Wednesday's victory at Newcastle United winning many accolades. "He organises the back four and makes it hard." Ferdinand testified. "Over the years he has been one of the best - and still is." For a time, during Notting-ham Forest's good years

under Brian Clough, he was hailed as the best defender in Britain - so good that alely for an English defender, he went Sampdoria in Italy. His ability as a marker suggested that he would adapt, but the move was not successful and he came back to Sheffield.



Since then he has become almost a forgotten man. The last of his 59 England caps came two years ago against San Marino, in Graham Taylor's last match in charge. His omission reflected Wednesday's own struggles, but per-haps it also reflected Terry Venables's rejuctance to travel north even for the big games, let alone the more mundane ones.

Now no one even mentions him in connection with Eng-land. Yet he is still only 30 and, to regular watchers, Walker has done more than anyone to keep Wedoesday in the Premiership in the past two seasons. This season his form for

us has been top dollar," Peter Shreeves, the Wednesday assistant manager, said. "He's tough mentally, he is very strong and he knows all about being a winner." His absence from the international scene may reflect his

strong streak of individuality.

"He was marking Steve Claridge on Monday," Pleat said. They are without doubt the two most interesting individuals I've worked with." It can be said that Pleat was not using "interesting" in a wholly complimentary way. He and his central defender are not soul-mates.

leat said: "He is a won't talk to journalists, but someone really should write a book about him to find out whal goes on in his head. He is the most contrary individual I've ever met in football, but from a playing point of view be is still very good. He's an excellent defender, a marvellous marker, a marvellous tackler. But his approach to football isn't my approach."

His approach to most things is individual. Possibly it was accentuated by his years with Clough, although it predates that, going back to his time as an associated schoolboy with Tottenham Hotspur, "His expense claims were the lowest ever." Shreeves, then the Tottenham reserve team manager, said. "Most of the kids would stitch you up for £2.50 for Tube fares. He used to claim a 10p

Even then he was a reluctant Irainer, which might have helped to persuade Tottenham not to sign him. His dislike of training may not have helped him in Italy, but his appetite for playing is unquestionable. Des would be happy playing four games a week rather than training," one observer at Sheffield

Not even training games appeal. "He says: 'What's the point of training games people don't play properly? I need to be stretched, they won't stretch me'." Pleat explained. Playing against Vialli should be right up Walker's street.

IN BRIEF

Hawes puts senior bowlers in shade

KATHERINE HAWES, of the City and County of Oxford club, became, one of the youngest singles finalists in the history of the English Women's Bowling Association (EWBA) when she defeated the 1993 champion, Dot Prior, of the Hewell club, Redditch. 21-18, in the semi-finals at Learnington Spa yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes). When Lorraine Hawes, now

Lorraine Woodley, won the file in 1979, she was 27. Katherine Hawes, who is no relation, is 26, but she cuts a positively elderly image com-pared with Amy Gowshall, a 17-year-old Grimsby school-girl, who skipped her Park Avenue quartet into the fours final with wins over Lowestoft Railway and Acle St Edmunds. ... Hawes will take on Mary

Price, from Burnham in Buckinghamshire, or Pauline Marples, of Blackwell in Derbyshire, in the singles final today. Price played two rounds each of fours and singles, so her semi-final with Marples will now be played this morning.

Two-boat race

Sailing: The race for the Glenfiddich Melges 24 national title looks to be between the defending champion, Mike Lennon, and the new boy in the class, John Merricks, With just three more races to come today, Lennon, on Raw Hyde, with 14.75 points leads Merricks, on Glenfiddich 3, on 18.50 points.

England lose

Hockey: England lost 3-2 to Germany after extra time at Vejle. Denmark, yesterday after the scores were tied at 2-2 in the men's European junior cup and will play off for the bronze medal today against Spain. Holland deleated Spain 6-2 in the other semi-

Spain test

Football: The England's women's team meets Spain in Montilla tomorrow in the first leg of a play-off for a place in the European championship finals in June next season.

BOXING

Tyson shows his hunger for second title

BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

his second title when he chal-Larges Bruce Seldon, the World Boxing Association champion, here tonight.

because, in the next day or two, he will have to give up the first title he won since his return from jail, the World Boxing Council (WBC) ver-

promotion. ical in-fighting from the sidelines, cannot understand what the fuss is about since the

can fight and box. Boxing is a test of styles. If your style doesn't fit it's out of the window," Seldon said, forgetting that it might be his style that does not suit the occasion. any favours with his almost subservient behaviour in the final head-to-head press con"I'm going to have to eat up my Wheades, be on my game and keep out of harm's way."

If Seldon had the size and boxing ability of James "Buster" Douglas, he might just succeed in staying clear of trouble, but at 6ft lin he is only 12 inches taller than Tyson and his chin will be well

Tyson, in the meantime, far tal needing 114 stitches.

a lot of trouble."

sion. Also, his purse of \$15 he has been beaten — and he million (about £9.7 million) has no intendon of losing. FROM SRIKUMAR SEN

MIKE TYSON should pick up

Such is the world of boxing. though, that Tyson, whose aim is to unify the ritle, will not make any progress along the road to becoming undisputed world heavyweight champion

will be cut by \$4 million — the sum he will have to give Lennox Lewis for standing aside and allowing him to take on Seldon first. Tyson will be vacating his

WBC ritle because his promoter, Don King, does not want to let his boxer's defence of that title against Lewis to go to purse offers, for fear of being outbid and losing the Seldon, watching the polit-

arguments are academic until

Tyson has a great fighting style but he can only fight I

Seldon did not do himself ference. He thanked Tyson and his team over and over again for giving him a chance tu make \$5 million, and that

did not say much for his

confidence. He later admitted:

within the challenger's reach.

from eating up his Wheaties, has been devouring sparring partners. Calvin Jones had his lip pushed through his gum shield and landed up in hospi-Tyson said: "Seldon is in for

FOR THE RECORD

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ANOTHER BIG EXCLUSIVE



Lancashire looking for double indemnity

By Alan Lee Cricket correspondent

LANCASHIRE return to their second home of Lord's today, bringing vast experience, noisy support and the uncom-fortable feeling that some will judge their season a failure, and their leaders dispensable,

even if they complete the knockous cup double. Only one club has previous-ly won the NatWest Trophy and Benson and Hedges Cup in the same season and that, too, was Lancashire, back in 1990. Although they start as favourites to repeat the achievement against Essex today, it would not be enough to satisfy everyone at what is now the biggest club in

Lancashire's failings in the

not finished in the top three since 1986 and this summer they will be closer to last than first. Tolerance is running thin; the coach, John Stanworth, has already been told that he will be demoted next year and Mike Watkinson may find himself replaced

It is an unsettling backdrop to what, in other ways, is a tale of uninterrupted success. Days like this are quite enough to sustain the majority of Lancashire's followers, for they have been brought up on one-day cricket and they are entitled to believe they support the best exponents of it in England. This is Lancashire's seventh cup final of the 1990s; by comparison, it is Essex's

The only knockom game Lancashire have lost in the county championship date Lancashire have lost in the back many years. They have past two years was the

Headingley last August. Such is their familiarity with the requirements of limited-overs cricket that they seem able to rise routinely above their championship toils to perform on the showpiece days.

They will expect to do the same today, despite the em-barrassment of losing their latest championship game in little more than two days. They will expect to win the final, whereas Essex will do no more than bope. Logic and precedent are loaded heavily m favour of Lancashire.

Not the least of the reasons to doubt Essex, paradoxically, is that they can still win the championship. Their avention, indeed, has rightly been directed that way and their preparation for this final has been to play nine consecutive days of highly-competitive

that could countenance such a preface to what is allegedly the glamour cup final of the

Essex must also cope without the inspiration of Stuart Law. The notion that Law might return from Sri Lanka to play was finally quashed yesterday when Australia reached the final of the Singer Cup. He is still expected back

ing championship fixtures, but the potential of the Essex batting within a 60-overs contest is sharply diminished without him.

This, indeed, might be the first September final under NatWest sponsorship without overseas players on either side though in Lancashire's case the omission will be by choice rather than circum-

LORD'S DETAILS

LANCASHIRE (probab M.A. Alheston J.E.R. Gallian J.P. Crawley N.H. Fastbrother G.O. Lloyd M. Waldengon (captain)

stance. Steve Elworthy, the South African, was so devas-tated at being left out for the Benson and Hedges final that he walked out of Lord's to calm down; he may be more philosophical today.

No foreigners, however, should not be mistaken for no personalities. This final is full of them. Lancashire offer a team chock-full of internationals and a spirit typified by the energy of Warren Hegg and the admirable, metronomic bowling of the rotund lan Austin. Both might have played one-day cricket for England by now and Hegg, the wickerkeeper, may tour Australia with the A team this

Talk of Essex will be dominated by Graham Gooch, still the best batsman in the country at the age of 43. This might, of course, be his last big day at

Lord's, though provisionally he has decided to play on for one more year, and he will ment marching out to open the batting there in 1979, when Essex first reached a final and ended 103 years without an honour.

Gooch made a century that day; Essex need something similar from him today if they are to win. Perhaps nobody will want to win more than Ronnie Irani, who began his career with Lancashire but found his opportunities so limited that he uprooted and moved south. Essex have embraced his vigour and enthusiasm, developed his all-round talent, given him a stage to become a star. This just might

be his occasion. As ever, though, the whole thing will depend far too much on the toss of the coin, for the

been won by the side batting second. September dew, and a 10.30am start, is too great a factor and when the Test and County Cricket Board discusses the domestic structure this winter, it will surely conclude that this final, with its elongated format and its intervals, is an

anachronism. If Essex do lose the toss this morning, they have a memory to cling onto. The last final to be won by a team batting first was in 1985 — Essex's only previous NatWest appearance. They beat Nottinghamshire by one run that day, the decisive, last-ball catch being taken by the man who will ignore a back injury to lead them today. Paul Prichard.

Space-age Lord's, page Derbyshire denied, page 3

Briton fired up to secure title

Benetton put Hill top of the wanted list

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONZA

THE tension had gone, the creases in his face were smoothed away. The furore about the sacking of Damon Hill by the Williams team is rumbling on but instead of derailing his efforts to clinch his first world drivers' title here this weekend, the Englishman stood and watched as the reverberations of his dismissal spread chaos through the paddock like the after-shocks of an earthquake.

Hill seemed almost serene completed the morning and afternoon practice sessions for the Italian Grand Prix. Neither a spin nor a final placing of seventh, behind Jacques Villeneuve, his team-mate, and the only man who can deprive him of the championship, disconcerted him. He appeared as content as he has at any time all season.

If he wins the 53-lap race around the high-speed circuit here tomorrow and Villeneuve does not finish in the top three, then the title that has eluded Hill so narrowly for the past three years will be his. He has made a perverse habit of bouncing back when he has been at a low ebb. and there are increasing signs that his dismissal may have given him the final impetus to clinch the championship.

"What has happened has not affected my confidence one bit," Hill said. "Not one iota. It was great to get back in the car after all the shenanigans. I would rather drive than talk. I have had a good reaction from the rest of the team and now it

is business as usual. Am I going to win on Sunday? You bet."

His self-assurance stemmed not only from his belief that he kept enough in reserve yesterday to challenge strongly for pole position loday, but also from the perception swirling around the paddock that most of Formula One's long and winding roads are leading to him at the moment.

Benetton, in particular, are thought to be coming under drive next season. They have two drivers, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger, in the midst of two-year contracts. But Alesi, conveniently, is showing

MONZA DETAILS

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CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS (efter 13 rounds) Drivers: 1, Hill Bipts, 2, Villeneuve 68: 3, Schurnecher 39; 4, Alesi 38; 5, Hakkdeneu 23; 6, Couldmand 18; 7, Berger 17; 8, Panis 13; 9, Barrichelio 12; 10, Irvine 9; 11, Frantzen 6; 12, Salo 5; 13, Herben 4; 14, Brundlo 3; 15 equal, Verstapper and Diniz (Br) 1 Constructors: 1, Williams 149pts; 2, Benetton 55; 3, Ferrari 48; 4, McLaren 41; 5, Jordan 15; 6, Ligier 13; 7, Sauber 10; 8, Tyrell 5; 9, Pootwork 1. REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Tomorrow: Italian, Monza. Sapt. 22: Portuguese, Estorii. Oct. 13: Japanese, Suzuka.

signs of succumbing to a familiar pattern of self-destruction just at the right

The Frenchman spun wildly yesterday and then indulged in a bout of stinging criticism of his team. "I want to be a racing driver, not a taxi driver." Alesi said. "With this car, I lose the possibility of showing what I can do. The car has a lot of problems. My aim at the beginning of the season was totally different from what has ing at the end of the world championship for a lowly place in the final classification. I started with big ambitions, but I will again have to wait

> The response of Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, was short and to the point. "It is best to see Berger's time and shut up." he said. Although Alesi denied any move was planned, Briatore inched away from his earlier insistence that there would be no change in his lineup, and it now appears probable that Alesi may find himself at Jordan next season, possibly alongside Ralf Schumacher, the younger brother

until the next season."

of the world champion. Hill's insertion at Benetton would ease the concerns of commercial interests such as ITV, which was dismaved at the prospect of Hill's removal from the heat of the battle after it paid £70 million for the rights to screen the sport for five years from next season, and please Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's ringmaster, who is



Hill ploughs through the gravel after spinning off the track during practice for the Italian Grand Prix at Monza yesterday

keen to see Hill continue his duel with Michael Schu-

It would also pacify Renault, engine suppliers to both Williams and Benetton, whose wish to complete their final season in Formula One next year with the coveted No I on one of their cars would then be granted if Hill is world champion. At Ferrari, too, even though Jean Todt, the team's sporting director, ruled out the prospect of Hill joining the world champion next season,

the repercussions of the En-

glishman's replacement by Heinz-Harald Frentzen were

felt yesterday. Schumacher shared a press conference platform with Frentzen and admitted coyly that he fears his compatriot in a Williams more than he has ever feared Hill. "We always say: 'How good is Damon?'." Schumacher said. "I think by changing to another team, we are going to see. Perhaps we will get a surprise, but we will see how good his abilities are."

Most ironically, though, it

den his home tour since 1991,

when he finished second to

Melchor Mauri and later won

the first of his record-breaking

Tours de France. The Tour of

Spain, until last year the first of the season's three leading

events straddling April and May, was moved by the Union

Cycliste International (UCI) to September, heedless of the

protests from the host nation.

reluctance to ride the three-

week race that ends in Madrid

on September 29. But he has

Riis, the Tour de France

winner this year, whose Germany Telekom team have

Sean Yates, of Britain, who

is one of the world's leading

support riders, returns to his

given him leave of absence.

unlike Denmark's Bjarne

Indurain is not alone in his

may also rebound on Williams. Adrian Newey, their brilliant chief designer and the man responsible for much of their recent success, is a friend of Hill and was disillusioned

by his sacking.
He is under contract with Williams until 1999, but it is believed that get-out clauses in his deal could have been triggered by his unhappiness over the fate of the Englishman, and it is possible he may now be free to join McLaren, who have been courting him

assiduously, next year. **Olympics**

organiser steps aside

JOHN ILIFFE, president of the organising committee for the Olympic Games in Syd-ney in 2000, has resigned after only six months in the job. Hiffe, who became the second man to quit the post, said that, after visiting the Atlanta Olympics, he had realised that the host government should head the organising

"I have resigned as president of the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games." Hiffe said in a statement yesterday. That role will be assumed by the Minister for the Olympics. Michael Knight," he said. Knight said that he had

spoken to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, in Atlanta and that Samaranch was in favour of stronger Government in-volvement in the 2000 Games. He was wholeheartedly in support of it," Knight said at a press conference.

Samaranch failed to endorse the troubled Atlanta Games as the best Olympics ever, as he usually does, preferring to describe the Games as "most exceptional".

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BEFORE YOU PHONE THE WORLD, PHONE US

Wilkins returns to help out friend BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

RAY WILKINS is back in football, only 48 hours after leaving Queens Park Rangers by mutual consent Wilkins, the player-manager at Loftus Road, yesterday joined Wycombe Wanderers as a player and is likely to make his debut in the Nationwide League second division match against Luton Town at Adams Park

However, it may be a oneoff appearance. Alan Smith, the Wycombe manager, has problems with injuries and suspensions, and Wilkins agreed to help his friend on a

"It might be just for the one game," Wilkins said. "I'm doing it as a favour for Alan, and it'll keep me fit, bin I'm not even looking at next week. It's been a traumatic time for myself and my lamily and I just hope I can do Alan

Wilkins, who is 40 next Saturday, still wants to keep playing. It was believed to be part of the reason that he left Rangers — the club apparently wanting him to concentrate

"I want to play on as long as I can bin that had nothing to do with me leaving." he said. "It was not as it has been portrayed. People can read into that what they want. It wasn't a resignation, either; I have never walked away from anything in my life."
Wilkins will talk to other

clubs next week. "I've already had a lot of inquiries from old friends and I'll be contacting them all," he said. "I've got a couple of meetings fixed up. with managers of clubs at a higher level than Wycombe, and we'll have to see how they

Chris Waddle, of Sheffield Wednesday, has emerged as a surprise candidate to replace Wilkins at Rangers, who were relegated from the FA Carling Premiership last season. Wad dle. 35, is still keen to move into management despite missing out on the assistant's job to David Pleat at Hillsborough.

"We have nobody in mind at Wright, the Rangers owner, who added that transfer money would be made available to the new manager.

Unions turn attention to the clubs

THE administrative log-jam that has cast such a blight over the opening of the new rugby union season showed signs of easing yesterday, in the wake of the accord between Eogland, Scotland, Ireland and Wales that has put the five nations' champi ship back on track (David Hands writes).

The inaugural Welsh tournament, put on hold by the Welsh Rugby Unioo (WRU), has regained approval and the WRU claims to have a terrestrial broadcaster. Talks in Dublin this weekend over the Heineken European Cup may well be facilitated while the general committees of Eng-land and Wales have ratified the five nations' accord and can turn to their relationships

with their clubs. However, Bernard Lapesset, the president of the French federation, has warned that the five nations' dispute has proved the tournament is no longer unique. "We must think about other forms of competition on the global stage," he said.

Joint approach, page 49

Boardman cracks world hour mark

By Peter Bryan The Spaniard has not rid-

CHRIS BOARDMAN scaled cycling's Everest last night when he set a world one-hour record by covering 56.38km on Manchester's £9 million in-door track. He beat Tony Rominger's distance of 55.291km set at Bordeaux

nearly two years ago.
It was Boardman's third world record within eight days; during last week's world track championships he twice broke the world 4,000 metres pursuit record to regain the title he first held in 1994. Boardman had previously held the world hour record for nine months in 1993-94 with

52.270km before Scotland's

Graeme Obree improved it by 0.443 km. Miguel Induráin, who failed this year in his attempt to win a sixth consecutive Tour de France - but later won a gold medal in the Olympic road time-trial in Atlanta was planning to be on holiday with his family this weekend. The holiday is cancelled, fn-

the 3,900-kilometre Tour of

stead his sponsors, Banesto, have ordered him to be on the startline today in Valencia for

grass roots tomorrow: timetrials. He won the national 25miles championship in 1980 before embarking on a roadracing career on the Continent that spanned 15 years.

Now, approaching retirement, he has entered the Kent 50-miles trial at Bethersden, Kent, which starts at 6.30am.